



# Pine Brook Press

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Pine Brook Hills Residents

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## BEING PREPARED: HELPING OUR FIREFIGHTERS PROTECT US

Having just experienced the Wagonwheel Gap fire in our own district and the Sunshine Canyon fire nearby (photo below), the Press met with BMFPD Fire Chief John Benson and Mitigation Superintendent Mike Palamara to discuss ways that residents can help keep our neighborhood safer.



**PBP:** How would you describe our current risk for wildfire?

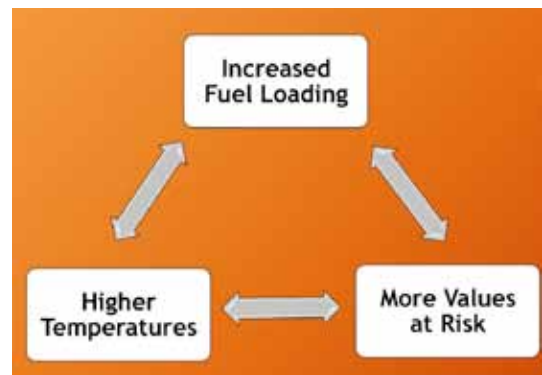
**Chief Benson (CB):** We used to identify the months from late spring through the fall as the time when we were at higher risk for fires because of the temperatures and typical lack of moisture. As the Coal Springs, Wagonwheel Gap, and Sunshine Canyon fires demonstrate, that time frame has expanded. Basically, with higher than normal temperatures and lack of moisture, fire season is all-year round.

**Mike Palamara (MP):** Three factors have come together to bring us to where we are today. First, in the early 1900s funding became available to suppress wildfires and that seemed like a good idea, but it had unintended consequences. Science tells us that when left alone, a forest will experience a moderate intensity fire about once in every 20 years. With humans actively

putting those fires out, we are left with overgrown and unhealthy forests with lots of fuel available for a fire. The number of trees on an acre of forest varies depending on the kind of tree, but if you take Ponderosa Pines, for example, there should be about 25 to 40 trees per acre and we generally have about 100. Fortunately, current practice is attempting to return us to a natural fire cycle through wildland fire use and prescribed burning techniques.



*Help me help you!*



The second issue has to do with temperatures. Summertime temperatures in the West are predicted to be 3.6 to 9 degrees higher by mid-century. Our relative humidity is declining and this creates a perfect storm for fire. The third factor in putting us at greater risk all year long is the popularity of living in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). The West is a fast growing area with 4.5 million homes at high or extreme risk from wildfire.

**CB:** The Coal Springs and Sunshine Canyon fires demonstrate another concern that firefighters have. Both of those fires had human causes...

situations where people had little respect for the environment and other people and little regard for safety...their own and that of others. Living in the mountains is not like living in the city. We don't get to have bonfires in our back yards. Sometimes people move into the WUI because they don't want people telling them what to do and many times residents think, "that can't happen here." But it can, if we aren't careful and don't take necessary precautions.

### **PBP: How can homeowners help firefighters?**

**MP:** Boulder County has an unusually high number of fire engines, but even with that, we can't put an engine in every driveway. We need residents to have a mindset that they and their house must be able to withstand an event with no intervention by emergency responders. There are two ways that homes burn: (1) direct flame from trees, grass, and shrubs, and (2) ember cast which can be from as far away as a mile. To reduce the likelihood of fire, homeowners need to...

- Remove pine needles at the base of gutters and on decks.
- Use non-flammable door mats.
- Keep woodpiles away from the house and not under decks.
- Store fireplace ashes in fire-proof containers and on non-flammable surfaces (not in a paper bag on the deck).
- Mitigate the property and build defensible space around the structure.

For assistance with mitigation and defensible space, contact BMFPD (<https://www.bmfmitcrew.com/>). We can do a site visit and help you develop a plan for long-term forest



*It's free!  
Call me for a site visit.*

health on your property – this is a FREE service! Sometimes needed mitigation can seem overwhelming. We can help you bite off small chunks that will result in effective mitigation. The Colorado State Forest Service website also has helpful information: [http://csfs.](http://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/)

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### **PBP: What are some other ways we can support you?**

**CB:** When you receive an evacuation notice, LEAVE. People who stay behind complicate and slow down firefighting efforts. Firefighters' first priority is life safety, so when people stay, we are first and foremost protecting them. That can keep us from fighting the fire. Heed the directions – get out fast. This is the best choice for everyone's safety.

**MP:** Sometimes residents are hesitant to leave. Our instincts are to protect our homes and we know that once we leave, we likely won't be allowed back in until the incident is over. However, getting people out of harm's way allows emergency workers to get started sooner on the fire itself. The Sunshine fire is a great example. We were short of resources to fight the fire because so many emergency responders were assigned to evacuate residents.

**CB:** Have a go bag ready during high-risk times, which as we mentioned earlier is year-round now. Have a plan with your family about how you will evacuate and where you will meet up with each other, if separated. We have great resources on our websites. At <http://www.bouldermountainfire.org/> you will find a detailed Evacuation Guide developed by our own personnel that will help you identify the specific steps to follow in the case of an evacuation notice or a "prepare to evacuate" notice.

**MP:** It's hard to visualize what it looks like when a fire is cranking through a neighborhood. It's shocking. You don't want to be there. Know your evacuation routes and get your family and yourself to safety.

### **PBP: How can residents stay informed when an incident is unfolding?**

**CB:** Be sure you are registered with the Boulder Office of Emergency Management to receive Everbridge/reverse 911 calls. Registration is easy...go to the website and sign up. <http://www.boulderoem.com/>

BMFPD Public Information Officers will send out updates for incidents we are in control of. Those

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## 2017 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**HOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 16**

**6 PM Potluck Dinner**

**7 PM Presentation: Emergency Preparedness**

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

**2017 HOA Future Membership Meetings:** September 5 and November 7.

**HOA Board meetings** are open to all residents. Attendance is welcomed and encouraged. Meetings begins at 7 PM. Remaining 2017 Meetings: August 22 and October 17.

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE** - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 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 on Sundays from 3:30 - 5:30 PM. Next meeting in July. Email [auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org](mailto:auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org) for more information.

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

**FIRE SAFETY SALE** - May 6 in PBH and May 7 in Boulder Heights from 10 AM to 3 PM each day.

**PBH GALA** - Saturday, July 15 at 6:30 PM in the home of Mary Lou and Cameron Peterson, 417 Wild Horse Circle.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** - PBH Community Center on August 13 from 3 PM to 5 PM.

*Special thanks to this issue's photographers: Jim Adams (masthead), Amela Corbadzic, page 1 and Heather Leja, page 9.*

### PRESIDENT'S PATTERN

By Brian Wahlert

Ah, spring. Although every season is wonderful in Pine Brook, spring is my favorite. Snow one day, sunshine the next, thunderstorms the day after. Normally dry gulches running fast for a day or two, then drying up again. Daffodils and irises blooming. Spotted fawns taking their first steps. It's a fantastic time to be a Pine Brooker.



During my 3+ years on the HOA board, I've gotten to know many of you. Meeting neighbors, hearing your stories, marveling at the amazing talent in this community – these are some of the greatest rewards of being involved in the HOA. To ensure that we're serving all of our residents, though, the HOA has decided to do a community survey. We want to know what you think about Pine Brook, what's going well (or not), what HOA services you value, what you would like to see us do more of, and how you might be able to contribute to our spectacular community, among other things.

The survey is available online now at <http://www.pinebrookhills.org/>

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[Survey](#). If you want to have your voice heard and influence the future direction of our community, please take a few minutes to fill out the survey. Thank you!

In February, I awoke one morning to the smell of smoke outside, and quickly reported to the fire station as a member of the Third Arm to provide assistance on the Wagonwheel Gap Fire. Then in March I had the surreal experience of looking out from my deck and watching entire trees burst into flame less than two miles from my house during the Sunshine Canyon Fire.

We had a nice respite from high wildfire danger the past two springs, but this spring conditions are back to the new normal in today's warming world – dry and often windy, making for frequent extended periods of high wildfire danger. Most any place that we could choose to live would have its issues – hurricanes and flooding on the coast, crime in many urban areas. In Pine Brook we live in a spectacular environment with gorgeous mountain views and wildlife, so close to the fantastic city of Boulder yet a world apart.

But our Achilles Heel is wildfire, and while we have the best fire department around, we all need to do our part to manage the risk that we take by choosing to live here. Let the Wagonwheel and Sunshine fires serve as a wakeup call, and do everything you can to create defensible space around your home and mitigate your home's vulnerabilities to fire. The interview with Chief Benson and Mitigation Superintendent Mike Palamara on page 1 provides details about staying fire safe.

Know also that the majority of your contributions to the HOA, fund community-wide wildfire mitigation – primarily, creating and maintaining a community-wide system of fuel breaks, and secondarily, reducing surface fuels along the sides of roads. This community-wide approach to fire mitigation is rare among Boulder foothills communities, and is an enormous benefit of living in Pine Brook. You absolutely need defensible space in case a fire approaches your house, but it's even better if fire never gets near your house because our firefighters were able to use our system of fuel breaks to stop it from spreading. If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2017, please do it today ([www.pinebrookhills.org/dues.html](http://www.pinebrookhills.org/dues.html)).

I hope to see you all at the Community Center on May 16 for our quarterly potluck dinner at 6 and meeting at 7. And although it's still a ways off, I'm already looking forward to our annual gala event at the spectacular Peterson residence on July 15. Hope to see you there!

As always, if you want to contact me, just send an email to [president@pinebrookhills.org](mailto:president@pinebrookhills.org). Happy spring!



## HOA DUES UPDATE

By Bob Loveman, Treasurer

Thanks to all who responded promptly to the Winter Pine Brook Press article about paying your 2017 HOA dues. Much appreciated!

For those of you who have not yet paid your dues, please send your checks (payable to Pine Brook Hills HOA) to 1907 Linden Drive or drop them in the mailbox just inside the entrance to Station One parking lot. Of course you can also pay via PayPal on our website: <http://www.pinebrookhills.org/dues.html>

Suggested dues are \$75, though many pay more to enhance our ability to gain matching grant funds for mitigation work in the District.



## ON THE WATERFRONT

By Bob de Haas

### Water Quality- Hardness

A resident recently contacted us about the hardness of our water. Typically, the hardness levels in PBH water have run around 110 to 120 parts per million which is considered hard, but not excessively so. That level usually doesn't cause much spotting.

Since the flood in 2013, the levels have been slowly increasing. Last July, we hit a high of 228 parts per million. That is clearly very hard water and will cause spotting on dishes and fixtures. We have been so busy repairing or rebuilding facilities and operating processes since the flood, that to be honest we hadn't really paid attention to this change.

The good news is that a recent test showed the levels had dropped to just below 200 parts per million. Hopefully, this downward trend will continue and we will return to levels between 100

and 120 parts per million. Overall, we have slowly been seeing signs that our water is returning to “pre-flood” conditions. We hope this trend continues.

In the meantime hardness has its problems. Spotting on dishes and fixtures is the most common complaint. BUT it also has a benefit. Hardness helps keep the water neutral so that it does not leach copper or lead from the pipes and fixtures in your home. If water is not neutral, we would be required to add corrosion control chemicals to the water so that it wouldn't leach copper or lead from pipes. While these chemicals are deemed safe, most residents probably would just as soon there not be any more chemicals in the water than what is absolutely necessary under the law.

### **Call Before You Dig!**

Spring is the time of year when construction and/or landscaping projects are started. Many times these projects require digging for fences or other types of excavations.

Before you (or your contractor) dig, you are required to call 811 to request to locates of any utilities. These utilities can be buried electrical power lines, natural gas lines, and water lines. Obviously if you dig through an electrical line you may get a very rude to deadly shock. If you dig through a gas line you may cause an explosion or fire that could ruin your day and everyone else's too. If you dig through a water line, it can cause problems ranging from a really muddy construction site to cutting off the water to your home. In some cases it could have a much wider effect causing a disruption of service to entire parts of the community!

When you call 811 they will tell you to call the Pine Brook Water District. You can reach us at 303-443-5394 to request a locate. We may be able to tell you right over the phone whether or not there is a conflict with our water mains or the water line between the water main and the meter pit to your home. If we cannot tell you over the phone that there is not a conflict, then we will come to your site to do a locate and mark where our water lines are.

We no longer do locates of the water line between your meter pit and your home as those

lines are actually owned by you. However, we will tell you if we know that the area of your project is or isn't near that line. If near the line, you are responsible for contacting a private locating company to have them locate your line. **IT IS FOR YOUR PROTECTION TO HAVE THIS DONE.** If you cut thru your water line, not only will it cause a mess, but we will simply turn off your water until you get the line fixed to current standards. In some cases you may be able to repair it that day. In other cases it may take several days to repair. Do you want to be out of water when a phone call may have prevented the problem?

Please do not assume that you know where all the water lines are. There are several areas in the District where water mains run cross-country and not just by the road.

### **BEING PREPARED**.....*continued from page 2*

announcements will be sent to email groups and posted on the Department's Twitter account ([@bouldermtnfire](#)). When an incident is under the control of Boulder County or another agency, information will be available on the Boulder County website.

For those who don't use computers or mobile phones, the communications center at Station 1 in Pine Brook Hills will be staffed during major incidents as soon as we can make that happen. Residents can always call there for information and updates: 303-440-0235.

If you see or smell smoke, **call 911 immediately**. Do not call the firehouse phone number as it is not staffed all the time. Don't use the forum group for emergency situations. An email post will not notify emergency responders of the situation.

#### **PBP: What exactly is a “fire ban” and what determines the designation?**

**CB:** Fire bans are enacted by the County Sheriff when the temperatures, low relative humidity, fuel moistures, and winds are such that we are at significant risk for fire. They are discontinued as soon as the conditions change. Details about fire bans can be found on the Boulder County Sheriff's website at <http://www.bouldercounty.org/safety/sheriff/pages/default.aspx>. Information

is also posted on our website <http://www.bouldermountainfire.org>. We monitor conditions closely and update the Fire Danger sign at the entry to PBH frequently. When a ban is in place, we post small red signs at strategic locations throughout the district.

**MP:** We suggest that residents behave as if a fire ban is in place all the time. If you look closely at what is required during a ban and what is identified as unacceptable by the PBH Fire Code ([http://pinebrookhills.org/Fire/fire\\_code.html](http://pinebrookhills.org/Fire/fire_code.html)), you won't find much difference. The safest approach is to follow those guidelines all the time. (See the box below for details about what's expected during a fire ban.)

**Fire Ban Guidelines**

When the Boulder County Sheriff's Department declares a fire ban, Chief Benson recommends these common sense rules to comply with the fire ban and PBH Fire Codes. To keep our community safe be sure that you, your guests, and anyone working on your property follow the guidelines.

**X NO PARKING ON GRASS, NO DRIVING OFF ROAD** or off motorized trails. Heat from a catalytic converter can spark a wild fire.

**X NO OUTDOOR SMOKING.** Smoke only in an enclosed space—a building or a vehicle—and keep matches and butts inside, too. A cigarette butt tossed out a car window or off a deck can start a fire.

**X NO WOOD OR CHARCOAL FIRES.** Anywhere. Use only gas grills or gas fire pits. Be sure they are **THREE FEET** from vegetation and that you have a hose or fire extinguisher at hand when they are in use.

**X NO WELDING, GRINDING or TORCHES.** Be sure tradespeople working on your property know that they cannot use any powered tool without a spark arrester and without proper fire extinguishing equipment at hand.

**X NO CHAINSAWS, DIRT BIKES, GENERATORS** (anything with an internal combustion engine) unless it has a properly functioning spark arrester.

**X NO EXPLOSIVES,** including fireworks, fuses, tracers, rockets, incendiary ammunition.

**CB:** The biggest thing to remember is that taking **NO ACTION** on your part can be catastrophic. Each of us must take responsibility not just for ourselves, but for our neighbors. It takes **ALL** of us to get this job done!

For more information:

- The Fire Safety Sale on May 6 and 7 is designed to help residents be prepared for an emergency. From practice with a fire extinguisher to information about pet evacuation, the event has something for new and long-time residents. See the article by Ann Blonston on page 7 for details.
- The May 16 HOA meeting will focus on emergency preparedness...see the article on page 7 by Allen Saville for details.
- Be sure to take a look at Jim Adams' article on page 13. He gives details about thinning your forest and eradicating myrtle spurge.



**ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

By Mike Von Hatten

**C**ommunity members continue to take on projects to improve the neighborhood.

- An additional dumpster enclosure and pad was installed at the Fire House for a recycling container at the Community Center. This was a collaborative effort by the PBH Water Department, BMFPD, and the HOA. Thanks to Allen Saville, Brian Wahlert, and Jim Adams for assisting.
- The Community Center will be renamed the J. Kirk Hendricks Community Center. A team is working on new signage at the entry to the building and on Linden Drive.
- Landscaping is being added to the Community Center grounds. Thanks to Jo Wiedemann for donating 15 gallons of iris rhizomes. If you would like to volunteer to help plant the iris or have drought and deer resistant plants to donate, contact Mike Von Hatten. Planting dates will be posted on the forum.
- The road, water line, and storm drainage work along Linden is done and we can finally get going on the Flood Memorial at the corner of South Cedar Brook and Linden. Design drawings are being finalized and will be

submitted to Boulder County, BMFPD, the PBH HOA Board, and ARC for review and approval. Construction should begin in late May or June, weather permitting. Specific dates will be posted on the forum. If you are interested in getting involved by donating money, materials, or plants, contact Mike. Your donations are tax deductible.

## HOA Membership Meeting May 16

By Allen Saville

We are pleased to announce the program for the next HOA general membership meeting: Emergency Preparedness in Our Mountain Community. Chief John Benson, Mike Palamara, Allen Saville (and maybe others) will address the general topic of being properly prepared to deal with emergencies living in our wonderful mountain area. Emphasis will be placed on wildland fire – what we can do before it happens and what to do when it happens. Other types of emergencies will also be addressed including: flooding, medical emergencies, carbon monoxide, gas leaks, power outages, and more. The focus will be on things that YOU can do to survive and thrive.

## Information Sessions Expanded for 2017 Fire Safety Sale

By Ann Blonston

Growing since 2011, the Auxiliary's Fire Safety Sale and Preparedness event features more opportunities to gain real world information on prepping and resilience in the face of this year's wildfire threat. The Sale will be held Saturday, May 6 at the Pine Brook Station and Sunday, May 7 at the Boulder Heights Station. Residents may attend either event.

From 10 AM – 3 PM each day, residents of

### 6th annual BMFPD

### Fire Safety Sale

May 6 & 7, 2017

10-3

Sat: Pine Brook Stn

Sun: Boulder Hts Stn

New products, live burn  
training, education sessions  
[bouldermountainfireauxiliary.org](http://bouldermountainfireauxiliary.org)



BMFPD will again be able to recycle old fire extinguishers, train with a new extinguisher on a real fire, and

update smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to state and county codes.

New for 2017 are information stations where residents can consult with BMFPD Third Arm volunteers on preparing for pet evacuation and with BMFPD's resilience expert on practical prepping ideas customized to their homes.

Supervised kids' activities are offered from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM both days so parents can attend any of the following education sessions:

**Saturday 11 AM to Noon** – Wildfire Partners and Mitigation: Representatives from the County's popular program and the Department's own Mitigation Crew, team up to provide current information on getting paid to mitigate your property and how your Wildfire Partners' assessment gets translated by the BMFPD Mitigation Crew into a mitigation proposal. (PBH Community Room)

**Saturday 1 PM to 2 PM** – New Resident Welcome: Chief Benson welcomes new residents to the district with an overview of the department's governance and operations. He'll share plenty of tips to make a safe adjustment to mountain living, and update attendees on current fire conditions. (PBH Community Room) To RSVP, email [aux.web@bouldermountainfire.org](mailto:aux.web@bouldermountainfire.org), or call Nancy Mohr, 303-442-2606.

**Sunday 11 AM to Noon** – Resilience: BoCo Strong representatives explain Boulder County's efforts toward building resilience since the 2013 flood and how the program directly affects residents of our district. (Boulder Heights Station, 50 Overlook Rd)

**Sunday 1 PM – 2 PM** – "Unacceptable Risk": Join us for a screening and discussion of this short documentary on the new normal of fire behavior, including scenes from the 2011 Four Mile Fire and the 2012 Waldo Canyon Fire. (Boulder Heights Station, 50 Overlook Rd)

Residents are encouraged to bring neighbors to the sale; even if you don't need any new gear this year, consider bringing a neighborhood newcomer, renter or an elder. There will be a small gift for both of you!

Info on this and other Auxiliary activities is found at [bouldermountainfireauxiliary.org](http://bouldermountainfireauxiliary.org).



## WELCOME TO PBH NEWCOMERS

With Jo Weideman

**Ken and Amanda Smith** moved to Pine Brook



Hills from Old Town Alexandria, Virginia just outside of Washington, DC. Ken is now a Senior Software Engineer at

a data science company in downtown Boulder. He frequently walks to work along the mountain trails. Amanda is a food scientist currently working in Lafayette. The Smiths have two retired racing greyhounds, Odin and Loki, who are very interested in their new deer neighbors.

**Mark and Ryia Peterson** are from St. Louis, Missouri. They recently bought a house in Pine Brook because they love Boulder and Pine Brook gives them the best of both worlds: in the mountains,

but so close to the city with wonderful views, wildlife and hiking. Their son Jake is a Junior at



Colorado College. Their dog and two cats still live in St. Louis.

Ryia is a pediatrician and Mark is a retired electrical engineer and entrepreneur. Jake is a jazz pianist (so when the windows are open, you may hear him!). Mark's hobbies are woodworking and amateur photography. Ryia enjoys working with social justice organizations and Re-evaluation Counseling. Right now their friend, Barbara Goldstein is living in their house as they make the transition from St. Louis. They would love to know when the next meeting/party is in Pine Brook so they can meet more neighbors and get involved.

**Morgan & Alex Scott** moved to Pine Brook Hills from Chicago, IL in August, 2016. They always had a dream of moving out west. Morgan is originally from the Chicago suburbs and Alex is a Santa Cruz



native. They fell in love with Boulder in the summer of 2015 while out here for Morgan's Ironman. Alex is in semiconductor sales and Morgan is an Accounting Manager for SparkFun Electronics. 2016 was a big year for them between getting engaged in Switzerland, selling their house in Chicago, moving to Colorado, buying their house in Boulder, getting married, going on their amazing honeymoon, purchasing a couple of new cars, breaking a bone or two, and finally finding out they were expecting a baby. They love to spend time outdoors, whether that entails skiing/boarding, cycling, running, or hiking with their Airedale terrier, Yampa. They are expecting a third member of the family, baby girl Scott, in June 2017. They'd love to meet other neighbors and would appreciate any recommendations for restaurants, hikes, or anything baby related!

**The Wik-Meyer family** consists of Eric, Maria, Lucas (9) and Kajsa (6). Eric grew up in Minneapolis and Maria in Sweden. They met while attending the University of Colorado Boulder where they both raced on the ski team. Eric works at Key Equipment Finance as an Account Manager. Maria is in the Process Development group with Astra Zeneca with





a passion to make medicines for patients that need them. Lucas and Kajsa attend Foothills Elementary in 3rd grade and kindergarten. As a family, they love to spend time outdoors like most Colorado families. They love skiing, doing mostly cross country but they also hit the slopes at times. After moving to Pine Brook Hills, they invested in mountain bikes and hope to enjoy the neighborhood on bikes as the weather gets warmer.

After graduating from CU they lived in the Lafayette/Louisville area, but had a desire to get back closer to Boulder to more readily be able to enjoy the incredible trails and mountains. They were introduced to the PBH area by friends, the Weinberger family, and made the move around Thanksgiving last year. They feel very fortunate to be here and really appreciate the warm welcome they have received from neighbors. While they understood the risks inherent to living in the mountains, they didn't expect to experience two wildfires before April and are grateful to neighbors who have been more than willing to share their expertise on how to manage in those situations.



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATES

By Sarah Wahlert and Veronique Foster

### Save the Dates!

**PBH Gala:** The PBH Gala is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 at 6:30 PM. Please note the change of date. It will take place at the beautiful home of Mary Lou and Cameron Peterson, 417 Wild Horse Circle, at the top of PBH! This is a fantastic opportunity to socialize with your neighbors in a wonderful setting. Dress up and bring something delicious to share. We will provide the libations. This is an adults-only event. Please RSVP by July 13 at [SocialChair@PineBrookHills.org](mailto:SocialChair@PineBrookHills.org).

**Ice Cream Social:** Come join us for the annual ice cream social at the PBH Community Center on August 13 from 3 PM – 5 PM. We will have plenty of yummy ice cream and some special kids' activities. Stay tuned for more details. We hope to see you there! Please RSVP by August 9 to [SocialChair@PineBrookHills.org](mailto:SocialChair@PineBrookHills.org).

## New Community Board

The PBH Community Center has a new community bulletin board where you can share your skills with the community. Please use postcard-sized flyers or smaller only, and be sure to date your flyer.

## Block Party Hosts Wanted

Last summer, neighborhood residents enjoyed block parties in a couple different parts of Pine Brook Hills. These events were well attended and there is a lot of excitement about having more of them. The localized nature of the block parties made them an excellent chance to meet or catch up with close neighbors.

With the weather warming up, it's a great time to start another round of block parties. We are looking for hosts to coordinate parties for their street or area. Last year's events were held outside and were pot-luck style to make planning easier. To make things even easier this year, the HOA is putting together a block party kit. We will provide you with the list of email address from the PBH directory for your desired area, some tips from past hosts to help things go smoothly, and some supplies such as paper products, kids' activities, and lawn games and more. Please consider hosting one for your area of Pine Brook Hills! This is the perfect volunteer opportunity for someone who would like to get involved but wants a project with a relatively small time commitment. Email [SocialChair@PineBrookHills.org](mailto:SocialChair@PineBrookHills.org) for more information.



Oh...just out strolling...hoping to meet some of my wonderful, social PBH neighbors.

# Hello Neighbor!



I'M EMELIE,  
YOUR PINE BROOK HILLS REALTOR®!

Pine Brook Hills is an incredible place that we call home. As your REALTOR®, my passion for our neighborhood and the lifestyle it holds is represented by:

- ~ LOCAL MARKET KNOWLEDGE
- ~ A BACKGROUND IN REAL ESTATE MARKETING TO FOCUS YOUR HOME
- ~ THE AWARENESS THAT LIFE HERE IS ALL IN THE DETAILS

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HOME VALUE ANALYSIS!  
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## LANDSCAPE DESIGN BUILD MAINTENANCE

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## ERADICATE MYRTLE SPURGE

By Jim Adams



This child wanted to smell the beautiful myrtle spurge flowers. The plant is toxic. This is a “Colorado A List” noxious weed. Removal is required by law. Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WLRV) dug up many spurge plants in PBH.

**We thank WLRV!** There is much more spurge in our community and WLRV works in a number of locations. **We can do this ourselves.** Join our Myrtle Spurge Taskforce at [forest.health.BeetleBusters@gmail.com](http://forest.health.BeetleBusters@gmail.com). More information is in two flyers at the Pine Brook Hills website > Services > Forest Health - BeetleBusters:

- Eradicate Myrtle Spurge in Pine Brook Hills
- How to Safely Remove Myrtle Spurge

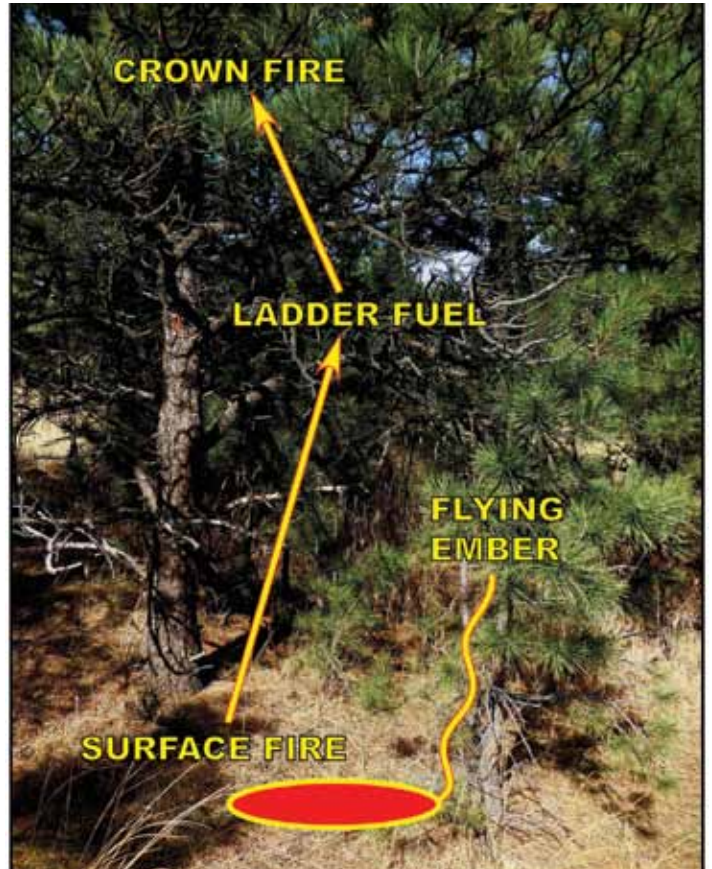


A WLRV spurger working in Pine Brook Hills.

## THIN THE FOREST

By Jim Adams

Overgrown forest is unhealthy and unsafe



Healthy ponderosa pine forest with 40 trees per acre has sufficient water, nutrients, and sunlight for each tree, and open space on the ground for other plants. In the past natural low-intensity surface fire, caused by lightning every 25 years or so, cleared dead material and clutter off the forest floor, but now we suppress all fire. We can compensate by removing grass, pine needles and cones, low limbs, and dense little trees. Crown fire is extremely dangerous and hard to fight. A few hours of work with a rake, lopper, and hand saw can improve your forest’s health and safety.



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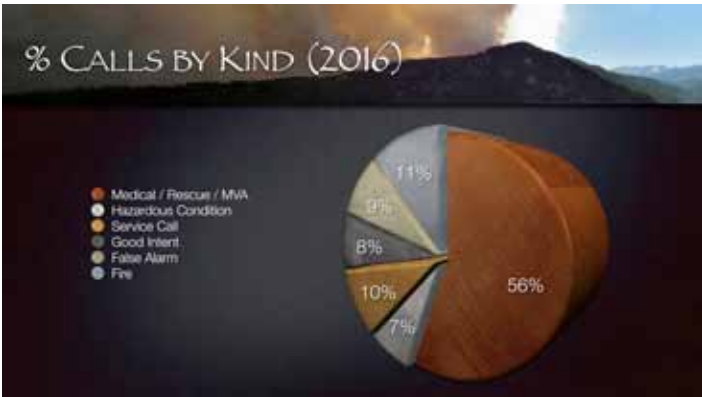
TOTAL PERSON-HOURS – CALLS – 2,730

TOTAL PERSON-HOURS – TRAINING – 5,410

TOTAL PERSON-HOURS – 8,140

ACTUAL COST – \$447,700

SALARY COST OF PROF. DEPT. – \$3,300,000



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## Quentin Morrison McKenna

November 23, 1945 – March 19, 2017

Quentin McKenna was born in Santa Monica, CA. He spent his childhood between there and Orme Ranch, AZ where he learned to ride horses and to embrace the life and ethic of the Wild West.



In his late teens he traveled to France where he discovered sky-diving, completing over 300 jumps. He was drafted and served as a medic in the VietNam War where he was nominated for a bronze star.

After Vietnam he traveled via motorcycle through the Middle East. He met Eileen Theresa Holms when he returned to New York and proposed soon after they returned from a motorcycle tour through Europe.

Quentin and Eileen's first child, Heidi was born in Texas where Quentin completed his M.S. in Ocean Engineering at Texas A & M. He designed a sailing watercraft to tow icebergs from the Arctic to deliver fresh water to California. Despite the University's offer of a research fellowship, the family returned to France where their second daughter, Marguerite was born. Their travels led them to Hawaii where Quentin designed a recreational sailboat that he marketed and sold on the islands.

Quentin and Eileen moved to Colorado when their daughters went to college. He developed the Drip-Jet, a highly efficient drip-irrigation system that he sold in local hardware stores. They lived in PBH where Quentin served on the Volunteer Fire Department. His lemon meringue pies were a favorite at the annual fire department fundraisers. He was known in the neighborhood for his absolutely consistent walks with his dog, Hoku up the hill, come rain, shine, snow, or blizzard.

Quentin died peacefully at home on Linden Drive surrounded by family and friends. A mesmerizing quarter moon rose for his last breath. His family is thankful for the kind thoughts and many warm greetings they have received since his passing. They are touched and strengthened by this love.

## Gregory Hudson Kimball

July 31, 1945 - January 10, 2017

Greg Kimball bought a home on Timber Lane in 1979 and lived in PBH ever since. He and his wife Lynn married in

1982 and moved to Bristlecone in 2000. Greg grew up in Los Angeles where he found a love for ham radio and surfing. He graduated from California Polytechnic State University and pursued his first job in electronic engineering in Santa Barbara, CA. In 1979, he moved to Boulder for a position at StorageTek and in 2011 retired from Texas Instruments after a long and fulfilling career.



Greg and Lynn have two daughters who grew up in PBH: Alexi (Andrew) Perkins of Loveland, CO and Brooke Kimball of Lafayette, CO. His first grandchild, Aiden Gregory, was born this past February.

Greg used both his engineering background and creative mind to fix just about anything and design all sorts of unconventional gadgets. Greg met Lynn at a party in Nederland and was only able to catch her attention after injuring himself on a swing, requiring her nursing skills. They celebrated their 34th anniversary in September. To make the most of his last years, Greg and Lynn traveled all over the world to explore a variety of cultures and natural wonders. Greg was an avid cyclist, riding with his engineer and 'Seniors on Bikes' buddies all over Colorado and Utah. He had a competitive and playful spirit which kept him young at heart and always ready for adventure. His outgoing and amicable personality was loved by all.

Throughout his adult life, Greg studied metaphysics and his strong spiritual beliefs guided his everyday life. His family greatly benefited from his strength and insight, particularly in difficult situations. Greg's greatest joy of all was spending time with his three girls.

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