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2020 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING - APRIL 28

**CANCELLED DUE TO CURRENT
SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES**

*Meetings are held at the Community Center/Fire Station
(1905 Linden Drive) unless otherwise noted.
All residents are welcome to attend.*

HOA BOARD MEETINGS – Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Upcoming 2020 meetings: April 21, July 21, and October 20. NOTE: The April 21 meeting will be a virtual meeting.

HOA 2020 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS – July 28, October 27

BOULDER MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD – Meets the second Monday of every month at 4:00 PM. Call 303-440-0235 for specifics.

PINE BROOK WATER BOARD – Meets the third Thursday of every month at 4:30 PM. Call the Water Office at 303-443-5394 for specific dates.

BMFPD AUXILIARY – Meets quarterly on Sundays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Next meeting to be determined. Email auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org for more information.

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

ANNUAL SAFETY FAIR – Dates to be determined. Sponsored by the BMFPD Auxiliary, this is a great opportunity to replenish home safety equipment and hear from local experts on diverse safety topics.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Sunday August 30. Join your neighbors for live music by Tim Triggs and the Foggy Tops Bluegrass Band, endless ice cream, and fun surprises for the whole family.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

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Thanks to Jim Adams
for capturing this
grey fox. They are different
from other area foxes –
smaller and more cat-like.





PRESIDENT'S PATER

By Sylvia Andrejczuk

If you are willing, we have lots of things for you to do, no matter what your interests are, including neighborhood enhancement, forest health work, aging in place support, and others. Just get in touch.

Due to current social distancing guidelines, the April 28 HOA Membership meeting has been cancelled. Should you have an HOA question or need an update on an HOA topic, please contact me via text at 303-775-7602 or email at sylvia9952@yahoo.com.

We are fortunate to have a new team in place in the neighborhood. A group of over 20 residents has stepped up to ensure that those at risk during the pandemic have support. See page 4 for details on this effort.

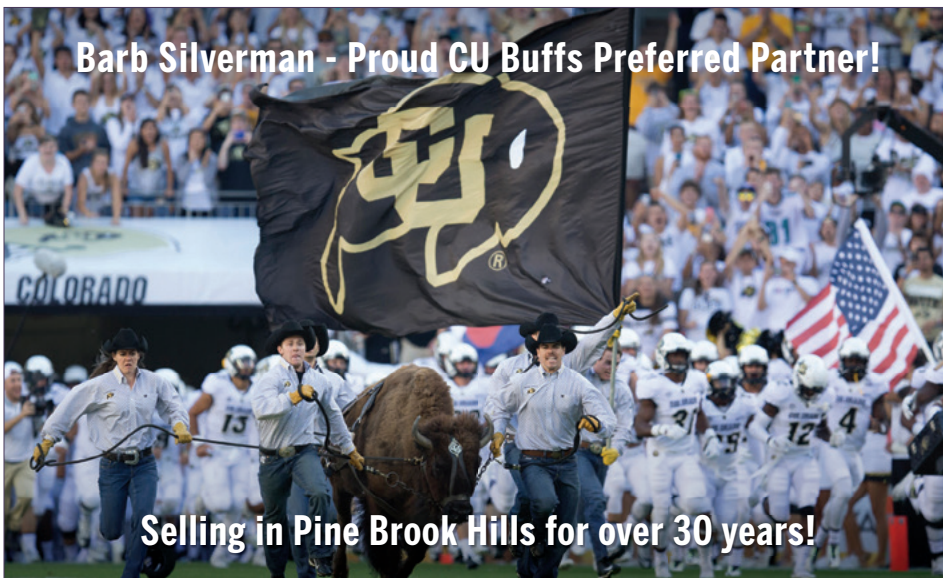
As we move into spring and summer, many of us start to think about making improvements to our homes – siding, roofs, decks, fences, etc. If you are considering a change to the exterior of your property, please don't forget to contact our Architectural Review Committee Chairman Eric Erickson (arc@pinebrookhills.org) and Co-Chair, Natasha Bodorff (Nbodorff@gmail.com). The ARC will help you accomplish your project in accordance with Pine Brook's Covenants and Boulder County Code.

A couple of other springtime reminders...please be considerate to those around you when you want to get cracking on your weekend weed-whacking, tree-cutting, or home improvement projects. Be mindful of the noise; start and stop at reasonable times.

Spring is a good time to mitigate your property for wildfire. The BMFPD Mit Crew is ready to help. Contact Wildfire Mitigation Superintendent Mike Palamara, if you need help.

I am pleased to report that some of the HOA committees have attracted new volunteers in 2020. Heather Fenity will take on the Newcomer Welcome role. Sara Moore and Lindsay Hale will couple with Jim Adams on the Forest Health Beetle Busters annual Spring Spurge Purge – see the article on page 9. If you are willing, we have lots of things for you to do, no matter what your interests are, including neighborhood enhancement, forest health work, aging in place support, and others. Just get in touch.

Whether or not you choose to volunteer, please contribute to our HOA. The majority of your contributions to the HOA fund community-wide wildfire mitigation – primarily, creating and maintaining a system of fuel breaks, and secondarily, reducing surface fuels along the sides of roads. This approach to fire mitigation is rare among Boulder foothill communities, and is an enormous benefit to living in Pine Brook Hills. Your dues also help to cover the cost of putting together and printing the PBH press and directory. If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2020, please do it today (www.pinebrookhills.org/dues.html).



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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS: THE PBH RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.
-Coretta Scott King

The PBH HOA recognizes that we have neighbors whose health may be compromised, making trips for medicine or groceries challenging at this time. A team of over 20 PBH residents is geared up to provide service.

- If you need assistance, give Param Singh a call; and he will get you connected to a neighbor who can help.
- If you know someone who needs assistance, touch base with Param and he or someone on the team will check in.
- If you are someone in a position to help source essentials for someone else, contact Param to join the team.

WHAT THE TEAM CAN DO

- Pick up and drop off groceries or medicines for those in at-risk groups.
- Call and check on you from time to time.
- Talk to Param if you need something specific. We'll see what we can do, or help you find other resources.

WHAT TEAM MEMBERS CAN'T DO

- Take care of routine shopping needs for those who are not at-risk or ill.
- Provide rides.
- Come inside your house.

Param can be reached by email at param645@yahoo.com or by phone 303-417-0373.

With information about COVID-19 changing daily, here's a list of resources for up-to-date information and guidance.

For Seniors Specifically

- Boulder County Agency on Aging has trained Options Counselors. Phone 303-441-1617 for more information.
- Several grocery stores are designating specific days/hours for senior shopping. Contact your favorite store for

specifics.

- Find additional resources at bouldercountyhelp.org.

For All

- Boulder Community Health: <https://www.bch.org>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus>
- Boulder County Health Department at <https://www.bouldercounty.org/departments/public-health/>
- For general questions about COVID19, call CO-Help at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911, or email COHELP@RMPDC.org for answers in English and Spanish
- World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

If you think you need to be tested for COVID-19 – but do not have life-threatening issues – you should contact your personal physician and they can authorize testing and tell you the best way to go about doing that.

As always, if you have an emergency situation, you should call 911. If you are suffering from symptoms that might indicate COVID-19 and call 911, the operator will ask you about your symptoms because this will make a difference in the personal protective equipment that firefighters and medical responders will wear when they arrive.

Watch the community forums for messages from Boulder Mountain Fire and Pine Brook Water, as well as the HOA for up-to-date neighborhood information.



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ON THE WATERFRONT: PINE BROOK WATER UPDATES

By Signe Hawley, Pine Brook Water Board Member



**BOB DE HAAS
NAMED 2019
MANAGER
OF THE YEAR!**

Congratulations to Bob De Haas who was named Manager of the Year by the Colorado Rural Water Association. He received the 2019 Manager of the Year award at their annual awards banquet in February. Make sure you give Bob a big congratulations when you see him out and about in the District!

2019 PROJECTS COMPLETED

In addition to the FEMA and State Funded projects reported in the Winter 2020 Pine Brook Press, the District has completed two other significant projects.

RESERVOIR SPILLWAY GRATE

In the summer of 2019, Pine Brook Water replaced its log booms with a galvanized steel spillway grate. This improvement will greatly increase the safety of the dam and prevent debris from falling down the 60 foot spillway tower.



BOW MOUNTAIN TANK PAINTING

In 2019 the 100,000 gallon tank on the top of Bow Mountain was painted inside and out. Work included pressure washing the exterior, sandblasting the interior, replacing roof beams, extending the overflow pipe, adding a larger vent, adding a ladder guard, removing trees, shoring up the foundation, and painting both the interior and exterior.



2020 BUDGET

Adopted by Pine Brook Water Board on December 12, 2019.

Water rates remain the same. The budget and worksheets showing how the money is planned to be spent are on our website: www.pinebrookwater.com

LONG-TERM CAPITAL PLAN

A capital plan is a tool which identifies capital equipment needs and projects, the year(s) in which each project is anticipated to occur, and the sources of funding.

The impetus for creating this long-term plan was born from community meetings over the past year that identified the need for increased transparency and stronger understanding of the current and projected costs in running PBW. The development and maintenance of this capital plan is intended to ensure that the PBW Board and management team are responsible to residents of the Pine Brook Hills community with respect to the collection and expenditure of public funds. This capital plan also serves as a basis for community discussion regarding the tradeoffs necessary to ensure that the PBW is financially sustainable into the future.

For more information watch for details on the Board meeting on April 16 or visit www.pinebrookwater.com to view the cover sheet and updated capital plan.

- Community meeting notes from May 16th, 2019: bit.ly/PBW51619
- Community meeting notes from February 13th, 2020: bit.ly/PBW21320

WATER MAIN/PIPE REPLACEMENT

Pine Brook Water is committed to ensuring our infrastructure is high quality in order to continue to deliver safe, clean drinking water to you, our customers.

There have been two water main breaks this year. One on South Cedar Brook Rd and one in the 1900 block of Linden. Both breaks were examined during repairs. They appeared to be caused by improper installation back in 1964.

While the district has identified several pipes that were improperly embedded at installation in the 1960s, the low acidity in the soil has kept the pipes in good condition. (Although the image above is a bit blurry, the writing on the pipe is still visible with a 1964 installation date.)



That said, we have had periodic water main and pipe breaks mainly due to ground movement. To proactively address this, PBW is doing the following:

- Conducting an inventory and mapping the location and quality of all water mains and pipe types.
- Continuously tracking new methodologies to find the most efficient and cost-effective manner to address breaks.
- Inspecting for quality and corrosion on site at water main and pipe breaks.

Thank you for your interest in Pine Brook Water District!
For more information, please visit our website.
www.pinebrookwater.com
or email
contact@pinebrookwater.com

2020 WATER BOARD ELECTIONS

2020 is an election year for three positions on the Board of Directors. The timeline for the election is outlined on the chart below.

Important PBW Board Election Dates:	
April 13-22, 2020	Ballots go out for PBW Board of Directors election
April 16, 2020	Board of Directors Meeting (Watch for details on this meeting—may be rescheduled due to COVID-19 Guidelines)
April 16, 2020	Board of Directors Candidate Forum 7:00pm @ 1903 Linden Dr. Boulder, CO 80304
May 5, 2020	Mailed ballots for election due

The position currently held by Signe Hawley is unopposed. Biographies for each candidate for the other two positions are included below.

Joyce Colson

Water – its quality, quantity, and cost are important to all of us. The PBH Water Board has the task of overseeing a unique, small mountain water district challenged by geography, floods, and fires. If you want a board member who listens, deliberates thoughtfully, values preserving capital assets, looks for cost-effective actions, cares about safety and conservation, and who will make tough decisions to ensure quality water delivery and the viability of this water district, elect me. I practiced business law for 40 years, acted as a mediator in over 75 disputes, tried over a dozen business lawsuits to judge and jury, and handled thousands of corporate matters. I've volunteered in PBH since 1996. I've served on the Pine Brook Water Board four years, served on the HOA in the mid 2000s, and volunteered for the past ten years as a Third Arm/Scene Support member on the Boulder Mountain Fire Department. I value this community and my neighbors and feel I should give back. I believe active participation in volunteer efforts, community meetings and face-to-face discussions are the best way for this community to make thoughtful, informed, careful, and tough decisions. Thanks for your consideration and vote.

Kevin Smith

Pine Brook Hills' water supply is one of its greatest assets. It is important that the Water Board be comprised of people who have the skills and desire to ensure the long-term future of the water system at an affordable price. My background and history of community involvement make me uniquely qualified to contribute as a Water Board member. I have a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a doctoral degree in physical chemistry. I completed 40 hours of electrical engineering master's degree coursework. This educational background allows me to understand the technical issues facing the water district. My work career

included the positions of staff scientist, technical leadership, business leadership, and system implementation. My business role included general management, meaning I had responsibility for profit and loss as well as leading the manufacturing, engineering and marketing teams. These skills will be useful to help solve the business problems facing the Water District. I have been an active volunteer in PBH and Boulder, including participation on the following: Enhancement Team member, Forest Health volunteer, Pine Brook Press contributor, PBH HOA board member, ARC member, Open Space Mountain Parks Volunteer Naturalist, Community Cycle Volunteer, and Audubon Society contributor. These activities show my civic-mindedness and interest in helping improve the community.

Sarah Wahlert

My family has called Pine Brook home for eight years. A strong volunteer spirit is one of the best attributes of this neighborhood. I have volunteered in multiple capacities, most recently as a member of the water district committee that created the capital plan, as the HOA social chair, and as a contributor to road committee safety projects. I've spent over two years regularly attending water board meetings to learn about our district. Providing water service economically in the mountains poses unique challenges and I would like to commit my time and talent to help meet these challenges. My background includes a degree in computer science from Wellesley College and time working at Microsoft, experiences that honed collaborative problem solving, critical thinking, and project management skills that I hope to add to the work being done by our water district. As a parent of two growing boys, I'm passionate about water quality and safety. I applaud the increased involvement in the Fourmile Watershed Coalition to help protect our water supply and will continue to champion the Source Water Protection Plan. As your

elected director, I will focus on transparent communication, promoting community dialog, and strategic planning to help ensure the future sustainability of our water district. Thank you for your consideration.

Rick Waters

My wife Barbara and I retired to Boulder from Connecticut having both worked in the financial services industry for over 30 years. I worked at JP Morgan Chase, participating in the investments for hundreds of small- and mid-sized companies. I managed our investment through board representation in over two dozen of those companies. We chose Boulder ten years ago after being introduced to the area while attending University of Colorado parents' weekends. After scouring foothill communities outside of Boulder, the sense of community and the impressive infra-structure in Pine Brook Hills compared to other areas compelled us to settle here. In 2010 while we were building our house on Timber Lane, we were evacuated from both our rental house and our construction site by the Four Mile Fire. As I stood outside the roadblock at the bottom of Linden, I said to myself that there must be something I could do to be useful, so I joined the Fire Department. In 2013 I joined the Pine Brook Water District Board. While on the Board, my focus has been on management succession, adequate personnel depth, financial planning, and cash flow and reserve management. I feel obligated to ensure the District provides quality water while maintaining a strong and sustainable financial base and infrastructure.

For more information please feel free to contact the Water District Office at 303-443-5394 or contact@pinebrookwater.com.

MYRTLE SPURGE ERADICATION

By Lindsay Hale, Forest Health Social Coordinator



Myrtle spurge in full bloom

What a pretty plant! With its yellowish green flowers and rich green foliage, Myrtle Spurge is one of the earliest plants to emerge in the spring, and for those who don't know better, a welcome sight. But Myrtle Spurge is not our friend. A non-native, invasive species, Myrtle Spurge is full of a white, milky toxic sap that irritates skin and can damage the eyes. When burned, it produces toxic smoke. It aggressively competes with native species on which our wildlife depend. Unfortunately, Myrtle Spurge is a growing threat in Pine Brook Hills. Fortunately, we can do something about it.

With the right techniques and tools, it is fairly easy to safely remove spurge as it blooms in wet soil in the spring. It is important to get spurge early. If the plant is allowed to grow

and ripen seeds, the seeds can be distributed when the plant is disturbed. The PBH Spurge Warriors seek to train residents to identify and eliminate this menace on their property. For safety's sake, it is critical to be properly trained. Spurge sap is dangerous! The Spurge Warriors will train you and pair you up with a Spurge Warrior partner, so you can fight this scourge safely, effectively, and in a spirit of comradery. Forest Health-Beetle Busters lends digging equipment and safety gear.

Please consider joining our efforts – it will do your property and our community (including our wild friends, both flora and fauna) a world of good. To join in send us your email address so we can schedule your training: forest.health.bb@gmail.com. Happy Spurge-Purging!



Plunge the blade next to the plant and lever out at least 4 inches of root.



FH-BB loans you tools and protective gear after safe removal training, hori-hori (dig-dig) garden knife, PVC coated gloves, and eye protection.

Contact FH-BB at
forest.health.bb@gmail.com



Spurge Warrior Kevin Smith with a medium size spurge plant

SUMMERTIME FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!

By Emelie S. Griffith
HOA Social Committee Chairperson



Community events are part of what makes PBH special, and they make for a close neighborhood where people actually hang out...at least after the "stay home" guidelines are lifted.

BLOCK PARTY KIT

The HOA has a "Block Party Kit" with games, street barricades (if you go big!) and a few items to help your event run smoothly. Send us an email for more details.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The annual Ice Cream Social is an all-age event scheduled for Sunday, August 30 this year with live music provided by resident Tim Triggs and the Foggy Tops Bluegrass Band, endless amounts of ice cream, and other cool surprises for a hot day.

PARTY IN THE PINES

Party in the Pines, the biggest adult evening event of the year, is scheduled every fall. It includes a potluck dinner, flowing adult beverages, and plenty of chatter. The HOA needs a home to host the event, so if you have the space for neighbors to enjoy for the night, let's talk!

LIKE PARTIES?

These events are possible with volunteers from the community to help set up and get all the pieces together. Please get in touch with Emelie S Griffith | emeliesgriffith@gmail.com | 303-304-0676, if you can pitch in any amount of time!

WHEN A TREE-LOVER WIELDS A CHAIN SAW

By Mike Palamara, BMFPD Wildfire Mitigation Crew Superintendent

As a representative of BMFPD's Wildfire Mitigation Crew, I often find myself having conversations with property owners about the ethics of cutting down trees. After graduating from the University of Colorado with a degree in environmental studies, I set out with the mission to save our forests. So how did this self-described "tree-lover" end up with a chainsaw in hand, cutting down trees? Let's discuss!

One of the most important concepts in forest management is something called a natural wildfire regime. This is the frequency in which any given acre should experience a wildfire. In our area, this interval should roughly be every 10-25 years. The wildfire event should be of low to moderate intensity burning dead or fallen vegetation as well as many of the smaller trees and the occasional larger tree. Think of it as a "cleaning" of the forest while leaving many of the larger trees intact.

In the mid 1800s, Colorado experienced a boom in settlement tied to increased mining activity. One of the many effects this boom had on the environment was actually a decrease in wildfires both in frequency and in overall size. In the 1900s, the US Forest Service increased its wildfire suppression capabilities which further reduced wildfire activity in our area. The natural wildfire regime had been altered.

Less wildfire may on the surface seem like a good thing; but after 100+ years of wildfire suppression, forest managers started to notice some unintended consequences. In our area average tree density per acre was increasing exponentially and when a wildfire event did occur, they were seeing more fires at a higher intensity which did not leave many trees remaining. Additionally, there were outbreaks of insects and disease in high density tree stands, thus causing high tree mortality.

As it turns out, wildfire is a vital part of the ecosystem and when its role is reduced, there are unfortunate and detrimental effects.

Let me be clear, I am not advocating wildfires in our area. We can all agree that this is a bad idea for a variety of reasons. The challenge still remains though: how do we restore our local forests to a healthy natural density that existed before wildfire suppression? This is where chainsaws come into the equation.

Thinning overgrown forests (cutting trees) is actually what is needed to keep our remaining trees healthy. By maintaining a natural level of trees per acre we are helping to protect our forests from outbreaks of pests and disease. Should a wildfire unfortunately occur in our community, we stand a better chance of it being a low to moderate intensity event in a thinned forest which improves our chances of containment.

I don't take cutting down trees lightly. I'm still a "tree-lover" at heart. However, I am of the view that to restore the health of our local forest, we must reduce the overall density. Hopefully this helps explain my view on the ethics of cutting down trees.



Workers trimming trees around electrical lines. Photo by Jim Adams

ENHANCEMENT UPDATE

By Mike Von Hatten, HOA Enhancement Committee Chairperson

Community Memorial Garden: The large Cottonwood tree in the garden died as a result of excavation for the culvert under Linden. PBH resident Susan Schiff succeeded in raising funds to replace the tree. As a result of her efforts and the generosity of our residents, an Ohio Buckeye tree was planted to replace the Cottonwood and a kinetic sculpture was installed. Susan and Scott Schiff and Brian Ridley participated in the installation.

PBH Community Center: Four high efficiency ceiling fans and lights were installed at the Community Center. The fans will provide warm weather cooling especially when the evaporative cooler needs to be shut down to facilitate communication. The lights will provide low-level lighting during AV presentations when the existing lights need to be turned off. Brian Ridley, Mel Beauprez, Kevin Smith, and Jim Eyster participated in the installation.

Upcoming Projects: Several enhancement projects are planned for this spring and summer.

- Motion-sensing, solar LED lights will be installed at the Community Center parking lot. The lights will provide low level illumination of the lot to provide safety and security for residents.
- Spring maintenance is planned for the Community Memorial Garden.
- Landscaping around the PBH entry sign will be redesigned and upgraded.

If you would like to support these Enhancement efforts, there are several ways to get involved. You could join other volunteers on the Enhancement Team to lead a project or work on the team, you can donate in-kind materials (landscaping materials, soil, tools, etc.), or you can make a tax-deductible contribution to the PBH Community Fund to help finance the projects. Contact Mike Von Hatten, mvhconsultant@earthlink.net to get involved.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!



Consider contacting one of the HOA Board Members or Committee Chairpersons listed below to get involved in neighborhood projects and initiatives.

ENHANCEMENT TEAM

Help keep the efforts going with a focus on lighting the Community Center parking area and refurbishing the area around our PBH entry sign. Let Mike Von Hatten know of your interest. mvhconsultant@earthlink.net

FOREST HEALTH/BEETLE BUSTERS/SPURGE WARRIORS

Take care of the forest and neighborhood wildlife by joining the work of this team. See page 9 for details on upcoming efforts to remove Myrtle Spurge from PBH. Contact Jim Adams at forest.health.bb@gmail.com to get involved.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Take a few minutes to let Emelie Griffith emeliesgriffith@gmail.com know that you would like to sponsor a Block Party this summer or help with the Ice Cream Social or Party in the Pines.

For those interested in getting involved in the Fire Department, there are a variety of ways to contribute.

FIREFIGHTERS, MEDICS, AND SCENE SUPPORT

Contact Chief Benson if you'd like to find out more or get involved. Email chief@bouldermountainfire.org.

AUXILIARY

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FAMILIAR FACES: NATASHA BODORFF

By Penny Triggs, PBP Contributing Author

We have a gem in Pine Brook: a human kaleidoscope – different hues, pieces too many to mention. I met Natasha through a mutual friend in the neighborhood and immediately had that sense of kinship.

Anyone remember Harry and Kirsten here in Pine Brook? Harry building a greenhouse into the side of the house, and out working in his cactus bed, waving to any of us passing by walking our dogs. Those beloved neighbors moved south, and Natasha and her family moved in just months after the 2013 flood season.

With husband Steffen off working and the kids in school, Natasha jumped feet first into making the house their home. When I say feet first, I mean hands dirty, down to the studs. This, as a construction crew took out walls and shifted spaces, all while giving side glances at her jack-of-all-trades activities.

Over several conversations, I have learned that Natasha can do anything she sets her mind to. Growing up with a father who recruited her to help maintain rental property, she found herself curious about “how things worked,” and would challenge herself to “figure it out.”

She applied this interest and developed a business venture as a design consultant, taking on one property at a time: figuring out design flow, sourcing materials, checking building regulations and codes, and acting as liaison with the contractors. With this background Natasha brings her expertise to the HOA Architectural Review Committee. She

speaks highly of working with Eric and the board, wishing she had more time to give.

Colorful kaleidoscope that she is, she has many irons in the fire, choosing early in her marriage to set aside her career in marine biology in order to raise and care for her family. This includes a love of home cooking, now an important aspect of her lifestyle repertoire.

Influenced by her Swedish father and Colombian mother, who spent hours “making amazing meals” and hosting frequent dinner parties, Natasha took this proclivity into her college days at Evergreen State in Washington, getting friends together to cook. They called her Mama Natasha, and everyone wanted to be her roommate. “Taking care of people has always come naturally to me. Often, we were in the field doing research, camping in tents. I wanted us to make time to prepare food together, to eat well. I was learning how to source locally, eat seasonally and healthily.”

This has translated into her home life with an herb garden on the kitchen deck. They are still able to harvest rhubarb and collard greens from Harry’s green house. “I love learning how to live up here in the foothills, to be in harmony with nature, to consider wise usage of our water resources, and to share our space with the wildlife.” Just recently, they had two young mountain lions hanging around below the house. “I think they smell our dogs and they look too young to have mastered hunting skills,” meaning the deer.

Natasha recently took a time out, spending a few days in Guatemala. “I needed a break from all my daily commitments and took my first solo vacation ever, a time to replenish my soul.” She spent time with the local, indigenous people weaving textiles, immersing herself in the culture, returning home refreshed and eager to get back to the life that she loves here in the foothills with her family.

AUXILIARY UPDATE

By Ann Blonston, Auxiliary Strategic Communications Coordinator

Living with Wildlife Presentation Well Received

About 40 fire district residents gathered last month to hear from Boulder County Parks & Open Space naturalists about living in harmony with the wildlife that surrounds us. Displays included mountain lions, red foxes, bobcats, great horned owls, rattlesnakes, and bears. Presentations addressed habits, characteristics, and safe ways to interact with wildlife.



Living with Wildlife Presentation for 40 residents. Photo by Jim Adams.



Community Safety Fair

The 2020 Safety Fair to be scheduled this spring includes popular fire safety training and gear, and this year goes beyond fire safety to address key resident concerns about household safety. Meet members of the department's mitigation crew, volunteer firefighters, and medical responders. Held on a weekend, Saturday includes Chief Benson's semi-annual New Resident Welcome, open to all newcomers, whether owners or renters. Sunday includes hands-on Stop the Bleed and CPR training. Watch for further details on registering for these vital classes.

Social Media Strategist or Publicist needed

Here's a volunteer role that will support your volunteer firefighters! BMFPD Auxiliary is looking for talent to manage our social media work year-round with an emphasis on the fall campaigns for Boulder Mountain Handmade art and craft market. The role at minimum involves regular informational posts to Auxiliary's Facebook page and engagement with Auxiliary's Facebook community. The fall campaign includes Facebook (paid and organic) campaigns and Instagram engagement with our artists and their communities. All work can be done on your schedule with a very occasional meeting.

THE ART OF PBH: JANE GLOTZER

By Caren Paul, PBP Contributing Author and Artist

Stepping into her lovely home in Pine Brook Hills, you don't notice right away that Jane Glotzer loves to break things apart. As a mosaic artist, she thrives on repurposing items and materials – especially when that stuff is headed to the trash – breaking down and rebuilding them into amazing mosaic sculptures. For her, the hunt for things no one else wants is as exciting as transforming those things into unique art treasures.

You can see more of Jane's work and contact her at www.plain-janedesignboulder.com or www.instagram.com/plainjanemosaics

reclaiming, repurposing and recycling the used but not used up things all around us." This beautiful work is her latest way of salvaging the world's castoffs, while fulfilling her need to create art.

Jane and her musician husband, Steve, moved to PBH in October 2018, fulfilling a long-held dream to live in the mountains. They raised two sons (Harley and Dylan) in the Wonderland Hills neighborhood. When the kids left home and the couple refocused on their individual artistic careers, the house felt too small. They needed more dedicated studio space in a house that would still accommodate lots of family reunions. Their home here, overlooking Boulder, perfectly fit the bill.

Jane and Steve met in high school in Brooklyn, NY. At the time Jane was an accomplished dancer and this was her primary artistic expression. Together, they attended University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, where Jane got her degree in elementary education and dance education. After a few years back east and a master's degree in dance from New York University, the couple decided they really wanted to settle in Boulder.

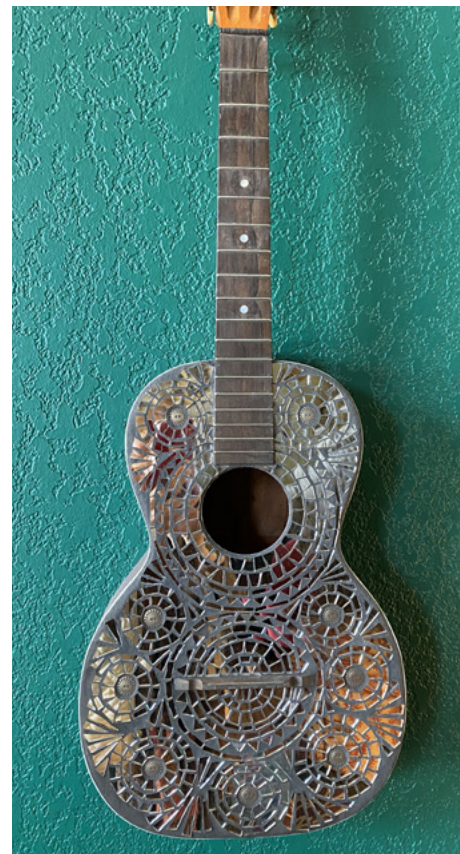
Jane performed and taught here for many years until one too many surgeries inspired her to rechannel her creative energy. She got involved with interior design and retail merchandising. Realizing how much amazing fabric, tile and all sorts of materials were regularly thrown away in these fields, she began specializing in recycled design, rescuing from the trash everything she could get her hands on. This quickly led to the start of her business, Plain Jane Design.

The mosaic work began with broken down instruments donated by musician friends. Then hubcaps, boots, pipes, rocks - anything became a starting point. Jane's latest project features a series of broken shovels called Buried Treasure. Using hundreds of tiny cut pieces of glass, gems, mirror, metal and more, applied to such discarded items, she has a truly contemporary and original approach to the ancient art of mosaics.

Jane is a member and the outgoing president of Colorado Mosaic Artists. Her work is regularly on exhibit at CMA shows throughout the front range area. You can also see her work in Boulder at the current NOBO show through April at First Congregational Church, as well as at R Gallery. She has a variety of public art commissions on permanent display in various Colorado towns and is very excited about her latest project – completing a mosaic belly cast for a pregnant patron.

She calls her art Reclaimed Mosaics. "For so long, I've been dedicated to reducing waste and consumption by





CALLING ALL PBH ARTISTS! 2020 Open Studios Tour

The application for the 2020 Open Studios Tour is now open at www.callforentry.org (CAFE). The sign up for CAFE is free and connects you with all kinds of exhibiting opportunities, including Open Studios. We would love to generate a larger PBH presence for this year's Tour, which will take place on Oct 10, 11, 17, and 18. There are also many opportunities for volunteers. If you would like to help in our mission to promote the visual arts in Boulder County, you can contact Caren Paul for more information: caren@gofarfast.com / 303-579-6777 or go to www.openstudios.org

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