



# Pine Brook Press

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## GARAGE SALE 2012

### A tremendous success...But will there be a Garage Sale 2013??

By Art and Babette Markey

In the spring Pine Brook Press 2012 issue, our headline proclaimed that the 2012 sale would be "The Biggest, Baddest Garage Sale." Well, indeed it was that! Thanks to all the donors, shoppers, and absolutely tireless workers, BMFPD had a fantabulous garage sale – in spite of both the cold weather, which set us back two days on setup and scrambling to get things done, and the rain which kept visiting even though we asked it pretty please to go away and come back on May 21!

still have a few items on consignment and Craigslist so we could end up over \$31,500. Absolutely fabulous!! After all expenses we will probably net around \$28,000 (many new signs this year).

#### Garage Sale 2013??

Now for the second part of the headline, "Will there be a Garage Sale in 2013?" Dear friends in our community, that is somewhat up to you. We (the Markeys) have been managing the sale since 1996, during which time it has grown from grossing less than \$3,000



The rush is on....they know a good deal!



Keep the merchandise moving.

We had so many terrific donations! The items we can sell for prices over \$100 or more makes it so much easier to raise money for the department. So a huge thanks to all those who donated the great furniture, boats, quality power tools, sterling, gold items, etc. Best of all was the ATV and Subaru which, thanks to determined bidders, raised a total of \$6,675.

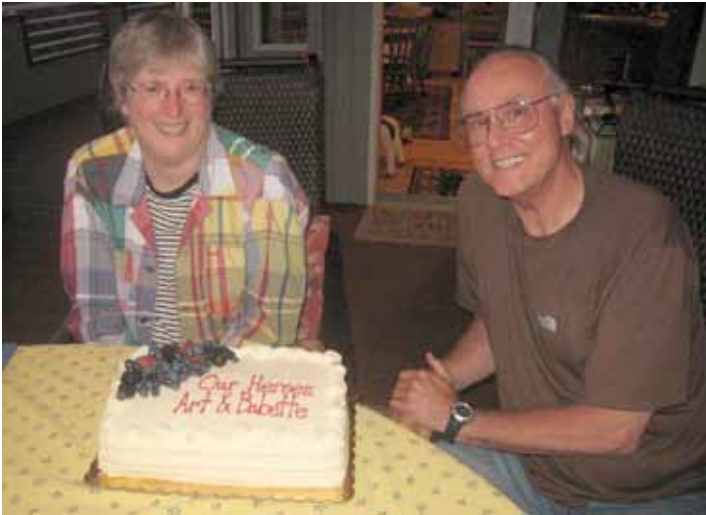
Well, enough of the buildup and suspense. Exactly how big was the sale? We brought in over **\$31,300** and

to now over \$30,000. This has been made possible through many more people in the Auxiliary, a huge increase in fire department participation, and the community at large volunteering many more hours to get all the work involved in this huge effort done.

In the last couple of years, we have had some great people step up to manage a major piece of the sale but we are still in desperate need of people willing to take ownership of several more pieces of what has

become a pretty complex project. To keep the sale alive and well and raise this kind of money to support our fire department's efforts to keep us all safe, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Who among you are willing to take on responsibility for a piece of the sale? We can work with you to find what fits. Examples of where to help include: managing a donation weekend; coordinating the large donation pickups; being an area manager for a section of merchandise; handling publicity; and many others. To those of you who have already taken an ownership role, we say THANK YOU. But many more helping hands are badly needed.



PBH, Let's keep this wonderful tradition going and help Art and Babette.

Without more people stepping up now to take on some of these roles, the "Biggest Baddest" sale of 2012 won't have a follow-up in 2013. You have probably heard the expression "the operation was a success but the patient died." We don't want that to happen here so please help us keep this fundraiser and community event alive by becoming part of the Garage Sale Leadership team. Call us at **303-440-6132** or e-mail us at [abmarkey@comcast.net](mailto:abmarkey@comcast.net)

We really do not want to see the BMFPD Garage Sale come to an end. However, it cannot continue the way it has been done in the past. We have tried to get these additional leadership roles filled over the past few years but have not gotten the level of response we need. Each time, the existing team leaders and volunteers have sucked it up and continued on. But this year, we all pretty much hit the breaking point. Without the additional leaders we are asking for here, this will be the last garage sale report.

## NEWCOMER NEWS

Compiled By Jo Wiedemann

James and Diane Baker have just arrived at 2039 Linden Drive. James is from Wales and is taking a career break

while he tries to finish a novel he is writing. Diane is originally from Greeley and is now working as an e-commerce analyst at a firm in Gunbarrel. They've spent the last twenty years



in big cities, most recently London, and are looking forward to a change of pace in the foothills - and in particular to meeting all the wildlife, preferably from a safe distance.



## DON'T PARK ON THE GRASS... AND KEEP IT SHORT!

In this year of fires, please remember not to park on grasses by the roadside. The grass may look green but it can dry out in an hour or two after a thunderstorm. A car's undersides can generate enough heat to ignite the grass.

In 2005, this is what happened to a car that was parked on the grass in PBH. Our fire department



limited the damage to just the car. The PBH HOA is going to weed whack our most heavily used road, Linden, from the bottom of the hill up to the bifurcation above the Community Center. Please do your part and keep our roads fire safe.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**HOA MEETING, Sunday, August 5 at 4 P.M.**  
**ICE CREAM SOCIAL!** Also a travel talk, "A Tour Guide on the Middle East and Asia," by Bill Alexander. Brief business meeting at about 6 P.M.

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

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

**FIRE AUXILIARY** - Generally meets the first Sunday of every month at 7 P.M. Call 444-9851 for confirmation.

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

### PRESIDENT'S PATER

By Dave Davies, HOA President

Summer is here and with it the scare of fire season. As our Chief John Benson says, "If you see anything that looks like smoke or fire, call 911 immediately." The best way to get a response is the 911 call. Our local BMFPD will respond, but the best way to get them is to call 911. Our sympathies go out to the people of Larimer County and the High Park Fire as well as El Paso County and the Waldo Canyon Fire. We have been there and have some understanding of the feeling of hopelessness.



On a more positive note, I would like to thank three new people who have stepped up to help your HOA. Jim Woodruff of Hawk Lane has taken up the reins of Treasurer. Jim, as many of you know, was treasurer once before and so he steps in with no learning curve, thanks Jim! PBH newcomer James Baker has jumped right into the HOA by filling the Advertising Manager slot for the PB Press. Also Patrica Belanger of North Cedar has agreed to be Social Director, replacing Pam Creswell. Patrica has perfect credentials for this role, including a stint as TV news anchor in a major market. She has some ideas on how to create an increased awareness of Pine Brook Hills in the local Boulder/Denver area.

Right now, we have a very low profile, this is not all bad but a positive awareness could help in many issues. For example, when we spoke to the County Commissioners about the road conditions some months ago one of the Commissioners had to ask how many homes there were in PBH. The commissioner was visibly shocked when we said more than 400. We are one of the largest--and certainly one of highest taxable value--subdivisions in the county but we have very little leverage at the county management level. If there is one good thing coming out of the roads issue it is that we are now a little higher up the awareness agenda.

Talking of roads--as of mid-June we do not have any resolutions. The Roads Committee has worked with several other local subdivisions (Lake Valley, Gunbarrel, etc.) to make this a county-wide program thereby getting more leverage with the county and also more sharing of the costs. This is just another example of how unincorporated subdivisions such as PBH do not get their fair share--our wheel has to squeak louder. Nothing however can get around the fact that Boulder County spends just 7% of its revenues on roads, whereas other local counties spend on average twice that, and some (like Erie) three times that percentage! I do want to thank the roads committee for their work, especially Cindy Lindsey who has put in hundreds of hours with no recompense and frankly even taking some misguided abuse.

The volunteers in PBH amaze me! I have lived on three continents and in many places in the United States including Pennsylvania and California, and I have never seen such a level of local commitment, not just the HOA (with BeetleBusters, Roads, Social events, the Pine Brook Press, and even the Directory--which should be out very soon!) but also the Third Arm, the BMFPD and its Auxiliary, and even the local Water Board--hundreds of local volunteers working without pay.

Some of you have asked about the proposal made to create a PBH Eco Pass program. Only 4 people have expressed interest so far, but we are not giving up and will be mailing out a more specific program notice, with estimate costs and the extent of the subsidy, shortly.

See you all at the Ice Cream Social (Aug 5 at 4pm) to have a good time!



## PINE BROOK HILLS HOA SUMMER SOCIAL EVENT

Please join us on Sunday, August 5, at 4 pm at the Community Center for a Summer Ice Cream Social with the added attraction of a travel talk by Bill Alexander.



We will have a FREE ice cream social consisting of GLACIER local homemade ICE CREAM SUNDAES. In addition to the FREE ice cream we will have Lara Bars and balloons as well as kiddie games!

The Sundae bar will include several flavors of ice cream, served in a cup. Flavors include

Vanilla Bean, Caramel Crunch, and Mint Chocolate Chip. Mango Sorbet and low fat Vanilla Yogurt will also be available. Optional toppings will include chocolate and caramel sauce, whipped cream, and cherries. You can even add more toppings including sprinkles, snickers, gummi bears, and more! Yum!

After the ice cream, Bill Alexander will give a light-hearted presentation on his recent trip to the Middle East and Asia. Some of you may remember Bill's last travel talk (Oktoberfest in Munich) and will recall his humorous slides and talk. More details are elsewhere in this issue.

Finally, we will have a few minor issues to vote on, this will be an official HOA meeting after all! We need to formally approve the new contractor guidelines that the ARC is publishing. As a reminder, they are on the Web site if you wish to review them. But mostly...  
**...COME AND JOIN US, MEET THE NEIGHBORS AND BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY. EVERYONE LIKES ICE CREAM. ESPECIALLY THE FREE KIND.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

By Jim Woodruff

Greetings from the latest in the line of Pine Brook Hills HOA Treasurers!

You may be aware that Terry O'Brien moved to Minnesota which created a vacancy in the Treasurers position on the Board. Having once served several years

ago, and probably feeling a little guilty at not being as active in the community as I could be, I agreed/jumped at the chance to serve one more term.

Sandy, myself, and the two youngest of our five children moved from Wisconsin to Hawk Lane twenty-four years ago and have loved every minute of it. Even with fire threats in almost every direction over that time we wouldn't have traded it for any other place. But enough about me.

The response to requests for the voluntary dues has been encouraging. At the latest count, 222 giving units have responded and the average amount given is in excess of the suggested \$75. Of course, you are still welcome to respond with checks made out to Pine Brook Hills HOA and either sent to 1907 Linden Ave., Boulder, CO 80304, or put in the HOA box in the Community Center Parking area. If you are wondering what those gifts accomplish, you are reading this in one of the several endeavors that your HOA is able to pursue because of your generous giving. Other areas include the fire mitigation and forest health activities uppermost on our minds at this time and the bi-annual Pine Brook Hills Directory which should be arriving soon.

Hope to see many of you on August 5 at the Ice Cream Social.



### ROADS COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Cindy Lindsay

The Boulder County Commissioners have indicated that they would like to move on a county-wide solution to the rehabilitation of subdivision roads based on the "State of the Roads" report made by Director of Transportation, George Gerstle, in June. To hear the presentation, go to <http://bouldercountyco.suiteonline.com/web/Player.aspx?id=184&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0> and choose #9 on the video agenda. A PDF of the presentation can also be downloaded or viewed on the PBH Roads Committee website.

George is providing a set of proposals for subdivision road rehabilitation to the Commissioners in late July or early August with options for cost, timing, priorities, etc. along with resident and county financial participation.

More information will be posted on the Yahoo Groups once a date has been set.

### ON THE WATER FRONT

With Bob de Haas

IT'S DRY, IT'S HOT, NO IT'S WET, IT'S COLD, NO IT'S???

Everyone should have received our notice asking for voluntary water usage reductions. We sent out this notice because, as we all know, we had a very, very dry hot spring and beginning of summer. Also, the winter wasn't much better.

As a result, we had to shut down our surface water supply earlier than normal. On June 25, we had to completely shut down our raw water transfers from Four Mile Creek. This was earlier than anticipated. Between having to shut down our raw water transfer and the rate that water was being used throughout the District, it was decided that the prudent move was to ask everyone to reduce their usage.

Then on July 5, it began to rain, and rain, and rain. Great right? Well yes, but the problem is that the water in Four Mile Creek is extremely muddy--this is still the after effects of the Four Mile Canyon Fire of 2010. As of July 11, we are again pumping our raw water from Four Mile Creek. We waited until now to pump because the water was so muddy that taking that water might not be the smart move. How long will we be able to continue pumping we do not know as yet. However, we will be moving water when and whenever we can. It is very hard to predict how the stream will behave at this point.

The next question is: "How long will the District be able to keep the pumps on and will the area continue to see some rains that will allow us to keep moving our raw water to the Pine Brook Reservoir?"

As part of our program to make the best use of all our water sources, we have temporarily brought some of our wells back on line. After thoroughly flushing the wells and disinfecting the water, the District started pumping this well water into the system on July 6.

By using the well water and asking everyone to reduce their usage, we hope to slow the rate that the water level in the reservoir is dropping. This is to ensure that there will be adequate (read: not uncontrolled usage) water for everyone and that there will be water in case of fire. As we all know, when it is this hot and dry it also means that the fire danger is extreme as evidenced by the wildfires in Fort Collins and Colorado Springs (plus a lot of others).

When the District feels that reductions are no longer

needed a new notice will go out letting everyone know.  
THANKS FOR EVERYONE'S COOPERATION!

## BEETLE BUSTERS Q & A

**I have to cut beetle-infested trees. Can I keep the wood as firewood?**

Maybe yes, maybe no! If you want to keep your beetle wood as firewood, you need to plan ahead! If you want to keep beetle-infested wood for firewood, the key is to make sure that wood you cut this Fall is dried out before the next Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) flight season begins and before the next Ips beetle\* activity.

- Freshly cut green wood emits terpenes that are similar to the aggregation pheromones that attract MPBs. Leaving freshly cut logs among your healthy trees during the MPB flight season is like putting out the welcome mat. Also, drying out the wood kills any existing eggs, larvae, etc.
- Ips beetles are active any time the temperature is at or above 50 deg. F temperature for four consecutive hours, which is often as early as mid-March and as late as mid-November.

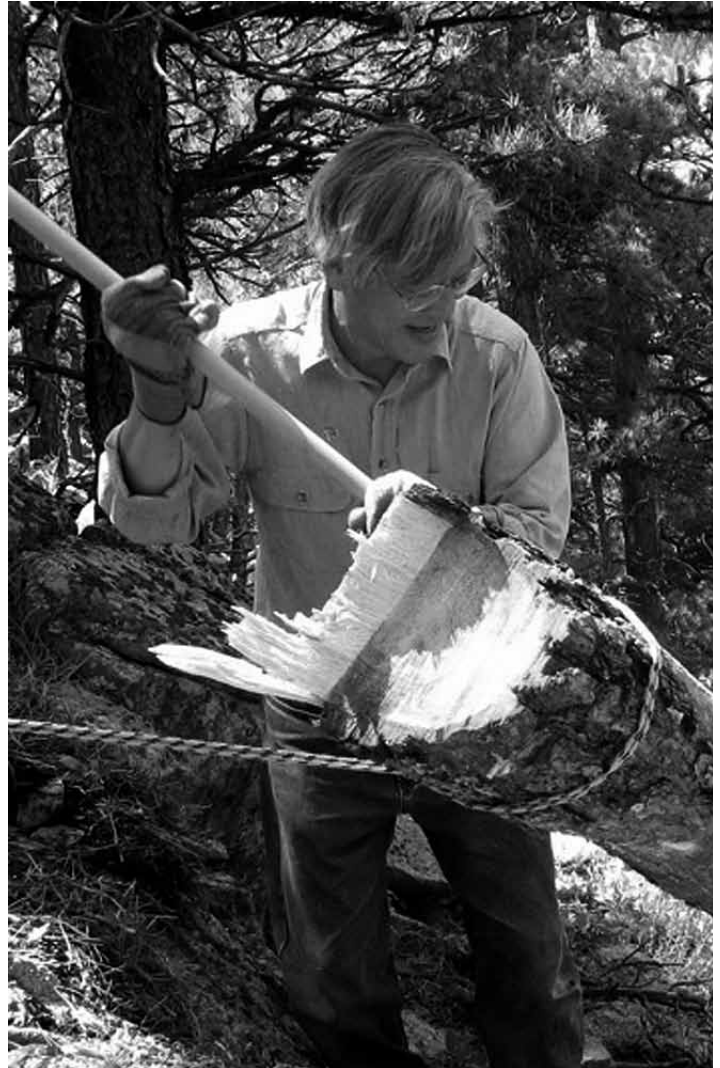
**So how difficult is it to dry out the logs and how long does it take?**

Unfortunately, there is little solid scientific data on how long terpenes persist in cut wood because the answer is very much dependent on factors such as temperature, humidity, and wind. Your BeetleBuster team recommends that you cut any trees that you need to remove in the Fall, as soon after the last MPB/Ips flight as possible. This will usually be in October, depending on the ambient temperatures.

To ensure that any larvae are destroyed, you can either debark the wood or solar treat it.

**Debarking.** Remove 80% of the bark from the logs by cutting slabs of bark off the length of the log with a chainsaw. The bar of the saw is tangential to the log and the cut must be deep enough to lay open a 2 inch strip of sap wood. You can leave strips of bark up to 3 inches wide in between these cuts. If you plan on keeping the bark, lay the strips (slabs) of bark out in the sun. Do not pile them. And definitely don't put them in a shady place!

**Solar.** If you're concerned that the wood you have cut contains live beetles, eggs, or larvae, or you aren't



BeetleBuster Russ Endo strips the bark off a beetle-infested tree. The job can also be done using a chainsaw attachment called a log wizard.

able to debark the wood, you can use the solar/snow approach. Place cut logs in sunny areas when there is snow on the ground. Plan on rotating the logs when the top third has been cooked by the sun so that two thirds of the surface of the log are cooked. The snow under and along the side of the remaining third of the log is slow to melt and keeps the log in contact with snow and wet soil. This almost guarantees the growth of lethal mold when temperatures rise. The side of the log that is in contact with the ground so that it gets moldy under the bark rarely needs solar cooking. The mold kills larvae and destroys the nutrition for any beetles that may survive or attack later. (If you don't have snow, be sure to rotate the logs so that all the surface area is well cooked.)

To further expedite drying of the wood:

- \* Buck the logs into firewood-sized pieces (16 inches).

- \* Split larger logs (logs greater than 5 inches in diameter).
- \* Stack the logs loosely, crisscross style (like Lincoln Logs) to optimize air flow. \* Even better, spread the logs in rows in a sunny (and windy) location and turn them regularly. Do not cover the logs.

If you can complete this work by the end of May, you should have little or no problems with MPB or Ips.

There will be no terpenes to attract MPBs. And even if Ips do attack your woodpile, the wood should dry out fast enough to prevent the beetles from completing their lifecycle. (MPB attack only standing trees; Ips don't care whether the wood is horizontal or vertical.)

For more tips, see the website at [www.beetlebusters.net](http://www.beetlebusters.net).

- \* Ips are generally considered a secondary beetle. However, if their population builds up in fresh cut green wood or storm-damaged trees, they will move on to attack standing green trees. These weakened trees are then susceptible to attack by MPBs, which kill the trees.

### Your Pine Brook Hills BeetleBusters

*This article is based on recent feedback from Bruce Benninghoff, Benninghoff & Company, Forestry Consultant, and Ryan Ludlow, Boulder County Forest Health Initiative's Outreach Forester.*

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

By Allen Saville

It's Wednesday, the 27th of June 2012. The Flagstaff Fire is raging just south of Pine Brook Hills. About 2:15 in the afternoon, a lightning storm rolls in and all hell breaks loose – rain, hail, and LOTS of lightning – big lightning. About six 911 calls from our District come in.

Fortunately, our firefighters are being pro-active, and some are already out on patrol in our first response vehicles. The response time to the propane tank fire (caused by lightning) is less than three minutes. As that is being handled, other crews are forming and racing to other locations in all parts of the District.

AND, we are getting reports of flooding in Gold Hill and parts of Pine Brook Hills. The Chief is seriously considering ordering two separate evacuation orders – simultaneously! One for parts of Boulder Heights for wildland fire; a second for the flash flood area stemming from the Ann U White trail and washing through

Wagon Wheel Gap Road.

As it turns out, the concentration of rain over the burn area in Four Mile Canyon is lighter than is happening in other parts of the District. So, even though firefighters and Third Arm flood response teams had been activated, the Chief decides not to pull the trigger on evacuating Wagon Wheel Gap. The lightning strikes and associated fires within the District are also checked out and knocked down super quick and we don't have to evacuate Boulder Heights either.

Where were you on that day, at that time? Would you have been ready to evacuate? There would NOT have been a pre-evacuation notice. You would have been EVACUATED and told to get out NOW.

### When an Evacuation Is Ordered . . .

If you didn't know before experiencing the Four Mile Canyon Fire and/or watching the news about the High Park Fire, the Waldo Canyon Fire, and the Flagstaff Fire – you know now that in the event of an emergency, evacuation law enforcement officers implement traffic blockades to prevent people from going into the evacuated area. Traffic will be allowed out of the evacuation area, but nothing other than emergency vehicles and emergency personnel will be allowed into that area. This means that – if you were out of the District when the evacuation was ordered – you will NOT be able to return to your home to collect your pets, valuables, keepsakes, etc. and get them to safety.



In those situations in which you may not be home when an evacuation happens, you should have a back-up plan. The best back-up plan is to work with your neighbors, in advance of any emergency, so that everyone knows what to do to help each other when it happens.

### What is a POD anyway?

Simply stated a “POD” is a specific group of neighbors who agree to provide mutual assistance in case of an evacuation or other emergency situation.

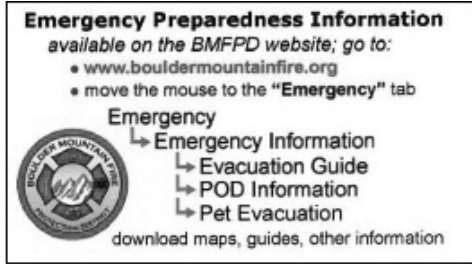
- Form a “POD” – Organize a group of neighbors who agree to provide mutual assistance in case of an evacuation or other emergency situation.
- Get Organized – Ensure that everyone in your POD

knows exactly what to do in an emergency situation. That means that all the members in your POD need to know exactly what they need to do to provide the assistance you need if you happen to be out of the District when an emergency occurs.

Oh, by the way, neighbors within PODs can help each other even when everyone is in-district when an evacuation occurs . . .

**Help Is Available**

There are people available to meet with you and your neighbor/POD members to help you get started and get organized. There are also checklists and guidelines



available on the Boulder Mountain Fire website. Under the “Emergency” tab of the BMF website, click on “Evacuation Information” and download information about forming PODs, evacuation maps, checklists, and information about safe evacuation of pets.

The checklists are designed to help people think about all the things that you should have in place BEFORE an emergency evacuation occurs. There is training that is available for people who want to form a POD to work together with neighbors to ensure that all pets, valuables, keepsakes, etc. get out when an emergency evacuation occurs.

Other fire departments and communities have noticed the emergency preparedness work that we have done. Our processes and materials have been “borrowed” and implemented in other areas and have been commended at the State level.

**It Works!!**

We have organized PODs, conducted mock evacuations and other drills to test the concepts, and then the PODs were put to the real test during the Four Mile Canyon Fire – it works great!

The most important elements of the Evacuation Plan are organizing and preparing IN ADVANCE of an emergency evacuation. Whether you, or someone else, evacuates your pet(s), valuables, etc. – there are certain things you should do now (much in advance of any emergency) to prepare for that event.

- How would you organize in advance for evacuating

if you were at home at the time of an evacuation? What would you want to have ready to make evacuating fast, easy, safe, and complete?

- How would you organize in advance for evacuating if you were not at home when the emergency happens? What would you want in place to enable someone else to successfully evacuate your pet(s), keepsakes, etc.?

If you happen to be away from home when an evacuation is ordered, the most effective way to have “home alone” pets evacuated and valuables and keepsakes carried to safety is by fellow POD members during the initial evacuation. Be pro-active; talk to your neighbors; form a POD; and get organized now! It may also be valuable for PODs to practice or “rehearse,” by having their own “mock” evacuation.

If you are interested in forming, and/or being a member of, a POD in your neighborhood and want assistance in getting organized, visit the Boulder Mountain Fire website and/or call Marla or Allen Saville (303-442-1682).



**WILDFIRE DANGER**

**ARE YOU READY AT A MOMENT’S NOTICE?**

Once again the Flatirons Fire, High Park Fire, Estes Park Fire, Waldo Fire in Colorado Springs and many other fires burning across Colorado, have taught us that we are not in control. Mother nature is in full control and we are at her mercy.

Everyone has awakened to the smell of smoke in the mornings. This is especially bad on those with respiratory issues and infants. If you are having breathing difficulties, do not hesitate, DIAL 911 so we can get you the care you need. I know it is hot, but closing the windows and turning on air conditioning and fans can help reduce the amount of smoke that enters your home.

If you see smoke or flames DIAL 911 immediately. The number one objective for us is to crush the fire immediately before it has a chance to grow out of control.

Unfortunately, the High Park and Waldo Fires have claimed lives. Enough is enough. If you see a column of smoke or flames, do not wait for an emergency notification. **“WHEN IN DOUBT GET OUT.”** The emergency response community has been very lucky to this point that no emergency responders have lost their lives.



There have been several close calls. When you receive the notice to evacuate, don't wait, don't stay behind to try and save a structure. Your lives are what's most important. I know that everyone is probably tired of hearing me say this, but as the weather continues to get dryer and hotter, and the fuels continue to lose fuel moisture's, and the grasses continue to cure out, the odds of additional resident fatalities and fire fighter fatalities increases tremendously. Let's not be one of the statistics from this year's fire that everybody hears about for a while, or gets put on a shelf and then we forget all about it. **BE PROACTIVE** in your evacuation measures.

Looking long range, the trend does not get any better. So what does this mean to you?

1. Visit **boulderoem.com** to register your cell phones, email, text messaging, etc. If you have any problems, please give me a call and we will get you to the Boulder OEM staff, and they can assist with your needs.
2. Visit **bouldermountainfire.org** and click on our wildfire tab to get information regarding escape route maps, wildfire preparedness, what to do in the event of an evacuation and more. Please review this information now before something happens.
3. Get your grasses cut, by reducing the vegetation around your home, you also help protect your home from ladder fuels, grasses that lead right up to the house, thus causing a structure fire as well.
4. Follow the Boulder County Burn Ban and in Pine Brook Hills, your local Fire Code as well.
5. **NO FIREWORKS** of any kind.
6. Please tell all your guests and families not to park in dry weeds. A catalytic convertor or muffler, will immediately cause a wildland fire.
7. **NO SMOKING EXCEPT INSIDE VEHICLES OR BUILDINGS.**
8. No hot work (welding, grinding, cutting) of any kind.
9. Make sure eaves and gutters are clear of any debris such as pine needles, and any litter.
10. Keep the areas underneath your decks clear of any flammables or combustibles. (remember it only takes one ember to cause your house to ignite.
11. Make sure your driveways are clear and your trees have been properly limbed up so apparatus can get

in your driveways.

Now is the time to be prepared. Make sure that you have made a list of things to take with you in the event of an evacuation. Have those items in an area that can be gathered quickly. We recommend having these items in a tote that can be easily loaded into your car.

Make sure your family and friends have a meeting place in the event you get separated.

Make sure you have your prescription medications and all other medical needs with you when you evacuate. You never know how long an evacuation may last.

Once you have evacuated, you will not be able to return unless the evacuation order has been lifted. **DO NOT TRY AND SNEAK BACK IN, STAY OUT.** This poses

a great risk to the emergency responders and can hamper safety when having to rescue someone. The safety of our responders is paramount. If an evacuation order is sent, and someone refuses to leave, do not count on the firefighters coming back to into an area that is being overran with fire. Our emergency responders will be pulled back to a safe area until

safe to re-engage.

Stress levels are high right now with conditions and resources are also limited due to the number of fires throughout the western region. Please do everything you can to help us prevent a catastrophic fire in our neighborhoods.

BMFPD personnel have been and will continue to be out on patrol when needed. Our trained staff are friendly and are doing this on a volunteer basis. Please let the crews know how much you appreciate their efforts in what appears to be the largest wildfire season in Colorado history.

We will also be calling the Boulder County Sheriff on any incident that is in violation of Boulder County Burn Bans.

My number one goal is to keep you the residents and firefighters safe. Please, please help us out.

John Benson

Fire Chief

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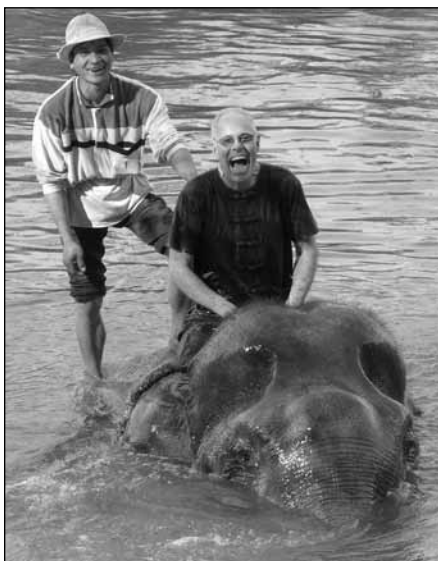


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For many of you who may have been to these places yourselves, let this quick discussion bring back fond memories of your times there.

**THE GRANITE GARDEN**

By Jay Markel

Hi Neighbors!

As our hot summer continues, one might wonder: "What should a gardener do in this heat?"



The two common answers are 1) water after the direct sun on your property is set and 2) mulch the base of the plants. So far this year, as far as gardens are concerned, it hasn't been a drought year. It's hotter than normal, and there's been very little precipitation, but some.

The third option for what to do in this hot weather is less well known. If your plants reached a substantial size during the early spring rains, and before the more extreme heat set in, simply cut them way back. This means for a normally two foot high plant, with flowers at the top ten to twelve inches, cut it down by half, or slightly more. Unfortunately, you can't do this to trees and shrubs at this time of year.

Although you can't change the nature of the plant to want to flower and bear fruit, you can drastically reduce its need for water by removing the flowers or top buds. If the high heat continues as predicted, you can also set up shade netting. This is a good route for a vegetable garden that you've already invested a good deal of time and money in.

One of the most important things to help combat extreme summer heat and little precipitation is to design well. This allows you to make full use of the assets of your property and to properly prepare for our normal semi-arid climate. Since PBH has such a steep vertical rise, almost all of us have places where we can use this elevation change to our advantage. Stacking planting pockets in between boulders and building vertically will allow you to water at the top, and as the water drains down, it waters the levels below!

So what is doing well during this hot dry summer?

The flowery weeds/perennials like the golden asters, *Heterotheca villosa*, and the mountain Gumweed, *Grindelia subalpina*, along with our native sage can always be counted on. We also had a wonderful, short season of the native Penstemon. Silver Scorpionweed, *Phacelia hastata*, a non-native seems happy, but the word "weed" is in the name for a reason. In a normal year, I pull them, but left them this season. Our well-chosen and established perennials should just be

small and less flowery. My *Salvia*, *May Nights* are the smallest I've seen them, with only a tiny flower spike, but they're alive.

The native *rugosas*, or wild roses, are spreading, but not flowering much. As a result, they will have fewer rose hips for late fall and winter food for birds and small animals. I've seen great success with the native *sedums* in our garden. Sometimes just creating a good environment invites the stronger native plants to take hold. These two work very well for the stabilization of a steep hillside by our driveway.

A package of poppies I planted at least four years ago continues to yield flowers. As usually happens, one species becomes the predominate one and continues to return in whatever volume is supported by the weather. It's interesting that of a mix of Colorado wild flowers I planted a while ago, that what established itself are the *Penstemons* and the *Lupines*. These are both natural to this area.

This is a great course of action to take! Rather than spend more money on a full selection of plants, simply buy a few packages of native wild flowers. Then let your location and nature make the selection of what works. I had one fabulous Foxglove *Digitalis* come up early, only to be burned out by the heat.



*Penstemon*. These grow out from the roots of the original plant on top of the wall. There is more water further down.

However, this is my point. Seeds will flourish and certain species return and become a permanent presence, as the season dictates. This is the easiest way to go. All you need to do then is pull grass or the less desirable natives away from the base of the flowers you want. This frees up the available water for your choices.

While *Nepeta*, cat mint, has a tendency to spread and take over, this quality can be great up here. A Siberian catmint has jumped from a pot I had it in to several spots in the yard and requires no water. It is self adjusting in that its flowering, or development, is

equal to what water the season provides.

The only big secret I have to offer is *Manzanita*. It's my shrub of the future. It can be self-sustaining faster than anything I know of, has four season inter-



This area is about eight feet below the street level. Any wall with a significant vertical drop behind it will collect water. Rocks also condense water with our large changes in day and night time temperatures. This is why you can find trees growing right out of rocks in the mountains. Plants in this include thyme, Sunset hyssop, lavender, and blue mist spirea. The tree is a dwarf *Pinus Sylvestris*, *Viridas* cultivar. Dwarfs take much less water.

est, and comes in a wide range of sizes. Except for a few pots, and a tiny area by some steps, two low *Manzanitas* that can grow up to twenty feet wide will be the hillside I leave for the future. For a steep, hot, granite laden area it's not a bad way to go.

Remember, any newly planted plants will need to be watered. Watering by hand, just on the individual plants is time consuming, but water saving.

Above ground sprinklers should be used in the very early hours of the morning, say four a.m., when the air and ground are the coolest.

My advice is to sparingly keep things alive, and if you haven't amended your soil as I've discussed in past *Granite Gardens*, do so in the fall. In a year like this, it makes a world of difference.

Happy gardening!



This *sedum* is coming right out of a crack in the mortar. This is because there's water down behind the rock.

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