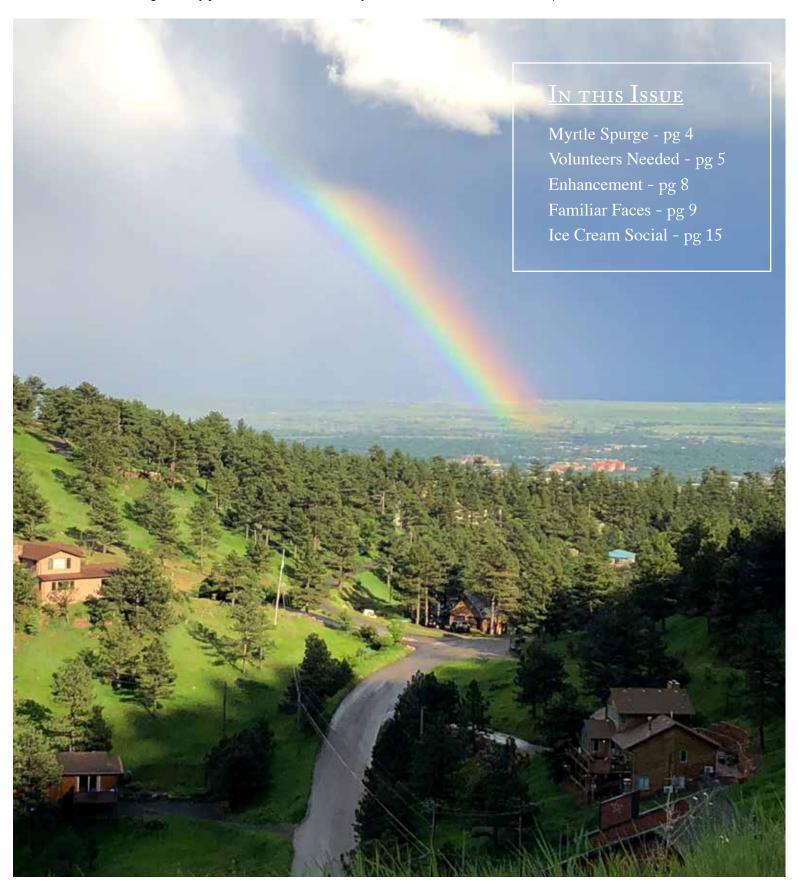
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2018 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING - July 31

6:00 PM - Come and enjoy the POTLUCK DINNER

7:00 PM - Mikl Brawner, Owner of Harlequin Gardens, Gardening in the Mountains

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

All residents are welcome to attend.

HOA Membership Meetings - Potluck dinner at 6:00 PM and meetings at 7:00 PM. Mark your calendar now and plan to join your neighbors for future 2018 meetings: July 31 and October 30.

HOA Board Meetings - Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Future 2018 meetings include July 24 and October 23.

BMFPD AUXILIARY - Meets quarterly on Sundays. Next meeting July 22, 3:00 – 5:15 PM. Email auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org for more information. The July meeting features a presentation by Garry Sanfaçon from the Boulder County Office of Resilience and Recovery reviewing insurance needs for mountain residents.

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

BMFPD BOARD - Meets the second Monday of every month at 4:00 PM at Station 1 in PBH. Call 303-440-0235 for specifics.

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

HOA ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Mark your calendar now and plan to join your neighbors on Sunday, August 26 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM for this fun-filled event.

BOULDER MOUNTAIN HANDMADE - The Auxiliary's popular arts and crafts fair is scheduled for November 10 and 11, 2018 at the Elks Lodge.



Email your high resolution PBH images to press@pinebrookhills.org.

Thanks to Allen Saville for capturing his garden in bloom.



PRESIDENT'S PATTER By Rob Quinn

Happy summer, my favorite time of the year in PBH. The weather is glorious, nature is alive, and the wildlife is plentiful. It is also a wonderful time to entertain guests from the flatlands who may be reluctant to join us in the winter.

In April of this year, we were

anticipating and concerned about drought conditions. In May, NOAA recorded 4.76 inches of precipitation for the City of Boulder; we got a bit more. While that has given us some temporary relief from drought, it has also sown the seeds of future concerns. The rain has lead to an explosive growth of new vegetation on our properties. Once we get a period of low humidity and high temperatures, this new growth may dry out and become an easy fuel to ignite a fire. As always, mitigation is the best answer that we have in PBH.

In a recent discussion with a neighbor, I was reminded of a related fire issue. As the social season gets going in PBH, we get a lot of visitors to the neighborhood. Many of us also get various renovation and construction projects underway and have workers coming up to PBH. The concern is vehicles starting a fire. Many people who live in the city are unaware that their car or truck can start a forest fire. The two main danger points are the catalytic converter which lies underneath the vehicle and can reach temperatures of 1,400 degrees, and the entire vehicle exhaust system which can get really hot (especially in older cars and trucks). The remedy is quite straightforward. Don't let your

guests or workers pull off and park in the grass on your property or on the grass on the side of the roads in PBH. AND keep that grass cut on your property and the right of way along the road. These simple steps will allow you to avoid accidentally starting the next Boulder County wildfire.

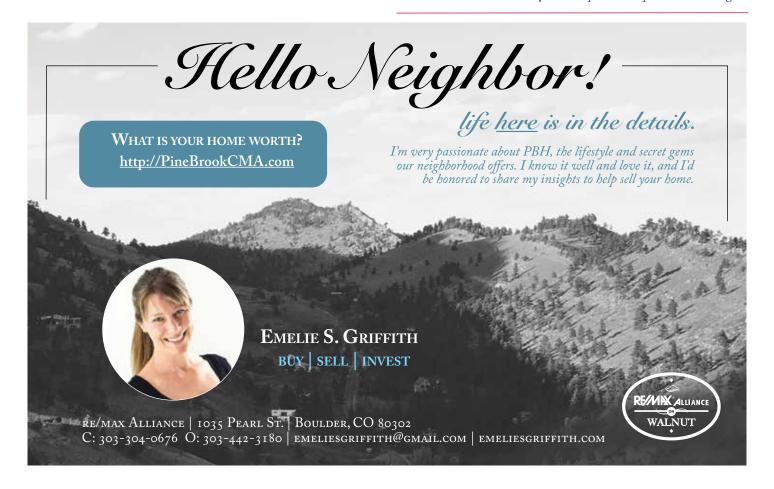
One item you must put on your calendar for this Summer is the next PBH HOA meeting. That meeting is on July 31, 2018, with a potluck supper at 6pm and our general meeting beginning at 7pm. Among other things, we plan to have an informative presentation by Mikl Brawner, Owner of Harlequin Gardens, on GARDENING in PBH and the foothills. Gardening in our part of the world can be challenging, but it can also be ever so rewarding. I hope to see you there.

I am pleased to report that several of the HOA committees have attracted new volunteers. It is always inspiring to welcome new residents to our projects. There are still more rewarding opportunities available for HOA volunteers and I would love to discuss them with you. (more details on page 5)

I am sure that you have noticed that with the return of warmer weather, the work at the Memorial and the PBH entry sign on lower Linden has resumed. Thanks to the dedicated group of volunteers who have donated so much of their time, much of it during the weekends, to advance these worthy projects towards completion. More details on this on July 31. (and on page 8)

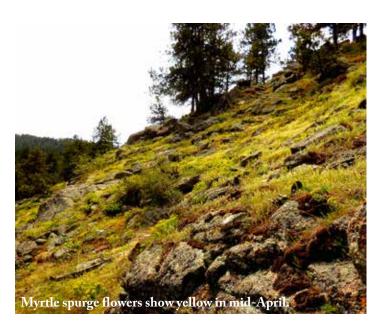
I would like to hear from you.

Please contact me at any time at president@pinebrookhills.org.

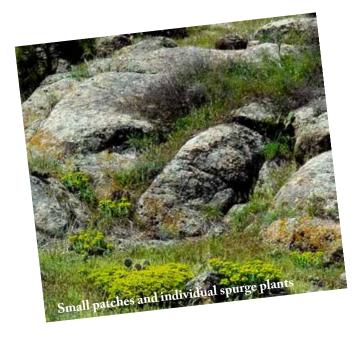


MYRTLE SPURGE IN PINE BROOK HILLS By Jim Adams

Growing season has been good this year. All plants thrive, but myrtle spurge, a toxic invasive weed, out-competes NATIVE SPECIES. IT ALREADY DOMINATES LARGE AREAS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IT IS PROLIFERATING RAPIDLY. WE SHOULD CONTROL THIS WEED BEFORE IT BECOMES A WIDESPREAD ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER.



Myrtle spurge is illegal. Under Colorado state law it is a "Designated Noxious Weed, which means rare noxious weed species that are subject to eradication wherever detected statewide in order to protect neighboring lands and the state as a whole." CRS 35-5.5-108 (2) (a) (I)



Wildlands Restoration Volunteers is a non-profit organization that works on conservation projects in Colorado and southern Wyoming. We thank them for clearing spurge from many lots in Pine Brook Hills; continued efforts are needed. We Pine Brook Hills residents can do this work ourselves. The HOA's Forest Health – BeetleBuster committee has tools to loan and trains

PBH residents to identify and safely remove small infestations of spurge – before they spread. Inaccessible keystone monster mother patches are very difficult to manage.



Safe removal requires protective gear and proper tools. Sap causes chemical burns on skin and if it gets in the eyes it can cloud the cornea. Wear goggles, long PVC-coated gloves, and long sleeves and pants. Standard tools are a digging knife (Hori-Hori) for small plants and a potato fork (four strong prongs) for large plants. Wet ground is easy to dig. It is important to remove as much root as possible - at least 4 inches - because remnants will regenerate. The best time to attack spurge is early Spring when bright yellow flowers are easily visible and before seeds form. Seeds can shoot 15 feet when the mature plant is disturbed. Contain mature plants in plastic yard bags and send them to landfill, not compost.

JOIN NOW! PINE BROOK HILLS SPURGE WARRIORS ENLIST AT ForestHealth@PineBrookHills.org.

For more information Google "myrtle spurge" and visit pinebrookhills.org > HOA > Forest Health - BeetleBusters.

PINE BROOK HILLS NEEDS YOU!

Interested in getting involved in the community? Want to learn some new SKILLS? LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS? VOLUNTEERING IN PBH IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET THOSE GOALS. CONTACT ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS OR THE CONTACT PEOPLE LISTED BELOW TO LET THEM KNOW OF YOUR INTEREST.

HOA OPPORTUNITIES:

• Enhancement Committee - Enjoy working with others to enhance PBH? Interested in landscaping or gardening? Get involved in upcoming projects—let Mike Von Hatten know you are interested.

mvhconsultant@earthlink.net

• PINE BROOK PRESS – If you have an idea and want to submit an article, we'd love to have it. If you snap a good photo in the neighborhood, send it our way.

Also looking for staff members! Are you a proofreader? Able to design and do layout? Contact us.

press@pinebrookhills.org

- Architectural Review Committee If you are interested in getting involved with a team of neighbors tasked with protecting and enriching the quality of the physical environment in the community, contact Eric Erickson. ARC@pinebrookhills.org
- Aging in Place Are you interested in helping to research the scope of need for supporting those who want to "age in place" in our community? Would you like to be involved in building a network of support? To find out more contact: Allen Saville, allen@saville@saville.us Dave Davies, davedavies.sbr@gmail.com
- BMH GALA COORDINATOR This popular event is looking for a new leader. Contact Sarah Wahlert to volunteer. sarah.wahlert@gmail.com

BMFPD - FIRE DEPARTMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Firefighters, Medics, and Scene Support Contact Chief Benson if you'd like to find out more or get involved. chief@bouldermountainfire.org
- Auxiliary Provide behind the scenes support for fundraising, community education, provisioning, and recognition. Contact Catherine Von Hatten for more information or to get involved. auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org

These community services and events all add value to PBH. From a safety, community and property value perspective, these are what make PBH an usual place to live. These benefits don't happen without the efforts of those who live here.

Please consider taking part.





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WELCOME NEWCOMERS TO PBH!

With Jo Wiedemann

SOPHIE AND DOUGLAS CAIRNS are excited to move to Pine Brook Hills this summer from the UK, as soon as a few small renovations are finished. Originally from Scotland and Hong Kong, respectively, the couple can't wait to spend their days doing what they love best - hiking, skiing, horseback riding (Sophie) and flying a twin-propeller plane over the wonderful scenery (Douglas). Sophie is a life sciences analyst and Douglas is in the financial industry. They're looking forward to moving their two cats (Morag and Ethel) over this summer (and keeping them safely indoors!).





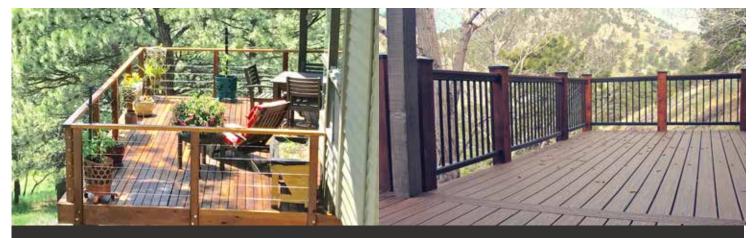
STEVE AND SARAH REMMERT are long time Boulder residents. Steve graduated from CU in 1990 and has been living here for 30 years. Steve is a realtor with Colorado Landmark and an avid cyclist and local musician. Sarah moved to Boulder in 2000 from Washington, D.C. She is the property manager for the family business and a board member for Shining Mountain Waldorf School where their daughter Grace is a freshman in high school. They are loving Pine Brook Hills and are happy to be part of this wonderful community.

MATTHEW PISKORZ AND MARLA SCHULZ are so excited to be living in Pine Brook Hills after a whirlwind of a year. They met swing dancing one fateful day in February of 2017. After falling madly in love, Matthew sold his company in Austin to be with her in Boulder and return home. He proposed in Paris, and they are getting married next summer.

Marla is originally from Texas. She moved to Boulder two years ago to pursue an MFA in Dance at the University of Colorado after traveling around the states working as a freelance choreographer. She has one year left in her graduate program and works at the Actors Academy of Performing Arts while hitting the books hard.

Matthew is a CTO and founder with experience building multimillion dollar subscription-based businesses. After founding and scaling Alterna Script LLC, Matthew has pivoted to full-time development of the decentralized crypto-to-fiat 0.exchange. He has built and deployed production software applications in a variety of industries and programming languages. They love living in the mountains with their cat Meow Meow, and spend their afternoons and evenings hiking and looking at the stars in Pine Brook Hills.





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ENHANCING PINE BROOK HILLS... THE FLOOD MEMORIAL IS BECOMING A REALITY

By Mike Von Hatten

You've probably noticed that the corner of Linden and South Cedar Brook is taking shape thanks to the efforts and teamwork of many volunteers. The excavation and hardscape that was needed on the site to create the memorial is almost complete. Landscaping and installation of the memorial features is soon to come. Completion of the project is planned for late August, so that it can be dedicated near the fifth anniversary of the 2013 flood.

Tim Triggs led the effort to install an irrigation system for the PBH entry sign on Linden. The system will be expanded to serve the memorial site, as well. Special thanks to Glennis Walters and Steve Smith for providing a water source.

If you would like to help on this project or other enhancement efforts, contact Mike Von Hatten (mvhconsultant@earthlink.net). Several additional work days are planned over the next couple of months. If you'd like to support the effort financially, tax deductible donations may be made to the PBH Community Fund and specified for use on this project.





THANKS TO THESE SPRING 2018 VOLUNTEERS:

Jim Adams Mark Bouzek Keith Brown Joyce Colson

Mark Cronshaw Erik Erickson Jim Eyster

Mike Hupka Jan Mitchell Rob Quinn

Brian Ridley Allen Saville Susan Schiff Param Singh Kevin Smith Tim Triggs

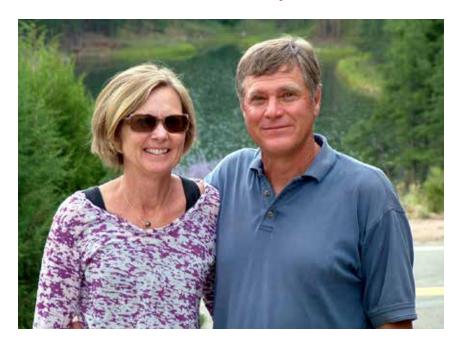
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FAMILIAR FACES: FEATURING PETE AND JANE LILLYDAHL By Penny Triggs



Picture this...a short driveway on a curving incline away from the road, flagstone pavers to the house, daffodils waving in greeting. You've probably noted the patio side of the house as you drive uphill from the firehouse, but you probably haven't had a chance to sit and settle there. A clutch of tall pine trees, an unparalleled view across the reservoir with two ducks gliding on the surface and a heron perched at the edge, an occasional cormorant or osprey sighting all within view. Red tailed hawks riding the thermals overhead. Off to your left, looking down across the valley, paragliders cruise between two peaks.

The Lillydahl's say this is their 'spot.' The place to which they gravitate many days. It is a peaceful sanctuary. This is where I had the pleasure of being with Jane and Pete for part of an afternoon. They remarked that some car or other would pull off the road directly below their house, often as frequently as every hour, the driver just sitting there for a spell. The draw of the water, a chance to slow down.

When Bob de Haas approached the Lillydahls about the possibility of building a reservoir on property above the Community Center, Pete and Jane donated a portion of their land, as did other land owners. The construction of the dam and reservoir from 2005 - 2006 was subsequently awarded Best in Nation by the United States Society on Dams. Bob speaks of it as the department's crowning achievement: a well-executed project of the highest standards. The project brought immeasurable benefits to the Pine Brook community by providing a reliable water source during prolonged periods of drought, and access to water drops when fire season is upon us.

About five years back, Pete and several residents came together to plant native Wild Plum, Quail Bush, Gambel Oak, and Wild Rose on the PBH property...all doing well at this time, he reports. In spite of drought, floods and roving bands of deer bent on munching through anything looking halfway edible, the plants have prospered.

Jane and Pete have a son, Erik, now married and living west of Denver. As we spoke of fun memories, Pete said Erik's best man at his wedding referenced the fabulous sledding "fraught with danger!" below the house. Legend has it that all rocks were cleared for this great sledding slope. The kids were instructed to "Lean Left!" as down they careened. Oh, and watch for the one tree! Sure enough, the tree took a hit, what are the odds?

This conversation led to the Cub Scout troop up to play Capture the Flag with strict instructions not to go near the 20-foot gulley. One kid promptly ran helter-skelter towards and over the edge. Pete's one aghast remark, "incomprehensible!" He then went on to describe (he's a hilarious raconteur if you haven't already concluded) the little guy sliding down the narrow canyon "like a cat thrown on a wall, all claws, hanging on for dear life!" I'm still laughing about that just writing this up.

Another endearing Pete story was about the night he decided that he and young Erik would have their own father/son slumber party on the trampoline. Erik didn't last too long saying, "Dad, I'm scared, I'm going in!" Off he went leaving Pete lying there determined to "stick it out," looking up at the night sky, the stars. Hearing sticks crackling in the brush, he says he lasted about another twenty minutes, and that it was "so creepy," he too made a dash for the safety of the house. This made me laugh so hard. Can't you just see it, this life we live in the foothills, loving the wildlife, but happy to steer clear of a mountain lion, if at all possible. Their territory long before ours.

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If you have ideas for the column or people YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT, LET PENNY KNOW. pennytriggs@icloud.com

FAMILIAR FACES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

As I began to leave, Jane noticed a tiny fluffy feather on the ground and picked it up. We all peered closely. It was a parakeet feather from their days of having an indoor aviary that opened to the outside. Pete shored it up with chicken wire making it "bomb proof." Out came another story, even as I was departing. The parakeets they kept, in spite of their efforts, inevitably got out and would fly out across the reservoir. Little yellow and blue ones. Pete speculated on the surprise to neighbors spotting them on deck railings. The astonishing end to the story being that

they would return home to the aviary, until the hawks got them over time. R.I.P.

We stood together out front and I asked Pete and Jane to share an attribute about each other. Right away Pete said, "let me count the ways! Jane is dominantly left brained, the practical one. I'm the right brained one, constantly spilling ideas." Jane piped in "and yes, I have to remind him we're due at a dinner engagement in 20 minutes!" when he's off on some new pursuit that has his attention.

Pete shared a lovely visual from earlier days in one of our reflective pauses. That of Jane, hugely pregnant, stepping out the door to see a doe right there nursing her fawn. Pete saw a memorable bonding moment mother to mother. Both Jane and Pete are now loving retirement, but life continues on in their fields of expertise. Jane retired from CU where she was a Professor of Economics for 25 years. She is now an Economics Consultant. Pete, an Otolaryngologist, is now fully preoccupied working with his son. They are developing a headache specific software app, hoping to commercially launch by the Fall of this year. Pete says, "the unanticipated opportunity to work with Erik has been a very fulfilling one."



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KUDOS TO ONE OF OUR OWN!

Joshua Mundinger, who grew up in Pine Brook Hills and is the son of Amy and Paul Mundinger, graduated from Swarthmore College with Highest Honors. He completed double majors in mathematics and music. At graduation he received the prestigious Lang Award, given to one "graduating senior in recognition of outstanding academic accomplishment."

In mathematics, Josh was a student researcher at Swarthmore College, SUNY-Potsdam, and the University of Colorado Boulder. He studied abroad with the sought-after "Budapest Semester in Mathematics" program.

In music, Josh used his expertise in mathematics to help his peers

better grasp the underlying concepts of an upper level music theory seminar. He won the 2018 Concerto Competition as a pianist performing Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto. Throughout his time on campus, he volunteered to perform in multiple senior recitals, playing the harpsichord, piano, and oboe; he was also a regular accompanist for the Chorus and Garnet Singers.

Josh recently won a National Science Foundation fellowship to pursue graduate studies in mathematics at the University of Chicago. This is an extremely competitive grant rarely given to entering graduate students.

Congratulations to Josh (and Amy and Paul!)



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AUXILARY UPDATE



Fire Safety Sale Helps residents make their homes safer

The seventh annual Fire Safety Sale maintained the pace of past years, with over 100 pieces of fire safety equipment purchased by residents. Scene support volunteers tested more than 50 homeowners' fire extinguishers, and firefighters trained 30+ residents in putting out a live fire.

Auxiliary hosts public education sessions year round

During the Fire Safety Sale, the Auxiliary hosted programs on mitigation and fire-wise landscaping attended by over 30 residents.

On July 22, the Auxiliary will be hosting Garry Sanfaçon from the Boulder County Office of Resilience and Recovery from 3:00 – 3:45 PM.

Garry has led the county's recovery response from both the Fourmile Fire and the 2013 flood. He and moderator Sue Brundege will make the topic of home insurance interesting with plenty of real world information about dealing with your insurer. Attend the session and stick around for the Auxiliary meeting to follow. Stay informed. To get meeting notices, contact Ann Harsh, aharsh@comcast.net.

Boulder Mountain Handmade slated for Nov 10 & 11 at Elks Lodge

The Auxiliary's main fundraiser is already recruiting new artists to join our market. Over 40 volunteers have signed up to participate in preliminary planning for the event. Artists who live in the fire district receive discounts on their booth fees. More information can be found at bouldermountainhandmade.com or contact bmhart@bouldermountainfire.org.

SPRING MEETING

Auxiliary members met for the organization's second quarter meeting at the home of PBH resident Nancy Mohr. Since the start of 2018, seven residents have joined the Auxiliary. Membership is open to any district resident who wants to support our volunteer firefighters. Contact Nancy to learn more at nekm@earthlink.net.





All photos by Jim Adams

ON THE WATERFRONT By Bob de Haas

CONGRATULATIONS SHAWN BEAUPREZ: The Water District is proud to announce that Shawn, who completes his 20th year with the District this August, has passed his B Water License certification. Pine Brook Hills and the Water District are now served by two fully-licensed operators who are rated at the required level for our District! Not only did Shawn pass the test, but he did it on his first attempt. Most operators have to take the test two or three times to pass it. Please join us in thanking him for his service to this community and congratulating him on this accomplishment!

ELECTION RESULTS: In May Mel Beauprez, Mike Hupka, and Bob Loveman were elected to serve four-year terms on the Board. Joyce Colson was elected to serve a two-year term. The next election will be held in 2020 at which time two board positions will be up for election.

WATER RATE DISCUSSIONS: The District is again discussing what should be done with the water rates. The goal is to establish a water rate structure that provides a more stable revenue stream that is not heavily dependent on water usage.

The District's operating budget includes mostly fixed costs that do not fluctuate based on water produced. Most residents are conservative users and when homes are remodeled, upgraded, or fixtures and appliances replaced they usually use less water than before. One of the most common concerns that we hear is that the low-end users are supporting the high-end users. The truth of the matter is that without the extra usage that occurs during the warmer months there would be a large budget shortfall. That doesn't make one type of user better than the other. It's just the way it is. About 75% of our homes use 4,000 gallons of water or less each month.

Whether residents use a lot of water or a little water, the basic operations of the District do not change. We still have to comply with all the same regulations, conduct the same water tests, and maintain the filter plant and distribution system in operating order. We ensure that water is available at your tap, and ready and available to use at all the fire hydrants. We perform the same amount of paperwork, and on and on.

The only costs that drop, and then only slightly, are the cost of chemicals to treat the water. If we produce less water, then we use less chemicals while conducting the same tests and treatments. There would be slightly less electrical costs, but again the treatment plant still has to run — just not as long. The pumps that move water still have to be used - just not as long. There would be a little less sludge from the treatment plant to dispose of – but again the reduction is not significant. The facilities that use the most electricity are on rates that charge based on peak demands and the actual "usage" is at a reduced rate. Peak demands occur no matter the amount of usage as it still takes a base amount of energy/ electricity to operate the filter plant and pumps. We have studied electrical rates to make sure we are getting the best bang for your dollar.

The rest of the costs to maintain and operate the system stay the same. That is why the discussions have focused on increasing the base rate to cover more of these fixed costs. The goal is to not have the District revenues negatively impacted by fluctuations in water usage.

The other big change that is being considered as part of an increase of the monthly service fee is to include some water usage as part of that fee. To give as many residents as possible a chance to understand the challenges and the options being considered, the District will be hosting a number of additional public hearings. The information to be presented at each meeting will be the same, BUT the meetings will be held at a variety of times and days of the week to try make it as convenient as possible for those who want to hear the presentations and give their comments.

We expect to have three or four meetings with at least one or two in the evening starting around 7:00 pm. At least one will be on a weekday, one on a weekend, and probably one during the day on a weekday for those who do not want to come in the evening or give up time on the weekend. The Board will use participants' comments, along with analyzing budget needs before making a final decision. We will send out announcements stating the dates and times of the public hearings and hope to see many of you there!







SOCIAL UPDATE By Sarah Wahlert

THE GALA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!! The Social Committee is looking for a volunteer to spearhead the gala. THIS WAS A POPULAR EVENT IN THE PAST, BUT FOR IT TO HAPPEN, WE NEED A NEW VOLUNTEERS TO ORGANIZE IT. Please email social@pinebrookhills.org.

GARDENING GROUP - Finally, thanks to Donna Waters for setting up a new Yahoo group for residents who are interested in gardening to share seeds, plants, or expertise or to ask gardeningrelated questions. To subscribe, please email pbhgardeners-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

BLOCK PARTIES - With summer here, the Social Committee is looking for volunteers to host block parties. Block parties are some of the best attended and most appreciated social events in Pine Brook Hills. The HOA has put together a block party kit to make planning extra easy. It contains a guide with suggestions, paper products, lawn games, and safety essentials. New this year, block party hosts can request reimbursement for up to \$100 of related expenses. If you might be interested in hosting, please send an email to social@pinebrookhills.org.

